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CHINA WILL NEVER SUE FOR PEACE

SUN FO ASKS BRITAIN FOR MORE CREDIT

Munitions Essential If China's Armies To Be Effective

London, Apr. 5.

Mr. Sun Fo, well-known Chinese politician and son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, addressed a meeting of members of the House of Commons to-day, and said that Chinese resistance to Japanese aggression was growing stronger, and that her fighting powers were improving.

The two essential conditions for victory, unity and determination, were being fulfilled in China to-day.

Every party and sect was solidly behind the Government and all were ready to lay down their lives, whether soldier, statesman, intellectual or student, but munitions were necessary. Supplies had been received, but they must be forthcoming continuously.

Britain, America and other powers must help, for China's struggle was for world peace, justice and the interests of the other powers.

Japan expected to win the war within three months, using 400,000 men. She had used 800,000 and the war had gone on for nine months, with Japan no nearer victory.

The Chinese soldier had nothing to lose but a poor, miserable life, whereas the Japanese was fighting for something he could not understand. He did not want to fight, but wanted to get back home as quickly as possible.

Won't Sue For Peace

China would never sue for peace so long as a Japanese soldier was on Chinese ground.

China also desires Britain to grant her credit to enable her to buy in the British market, said Mr. Sun Fo. About 50 members attended the meeting, the majority being Conservatives.

Mr. Sun Fo dealt with the military and political aspects of the present situation in China, and claimed that China was more united than ever before. He gave interesting details about the guerrilla warfare being carried on behind the Japanese lines, and expressed the opinion that China would surprise the world by her resistance, and that Japan might yet have to come to terms with China. — *Bulletin*.

Famous Pilot Of China Line Died of Typhus

Chungking, Apr. 6.
Mr. Harry G. Smith, an American from Wisconsin, one of the best known air pilots in China, and former personal pilot of Mr. T. V. Soong, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, died in hospital here this afternoon of typhus fever.

For the past six months Mr. Smith had been flying air liners between Chungking and Hankow for the C.N.A.C.

He is survived by a wife, a daughter and two sons, who are residing near Los Angeles. — *Reuter*.

Named Editor Of N. C. D. News

Shanghai, Apr. 6.
Marking his 27th year in China yesterday, Mr. R. T. Peyton-Griffin, 40-year-old Briton from Marlborough, has been appointed successor to Mr. Edwin Howard as editor of the *North China Daily News*. Mr. Peyton-Griffin has been with the *North China Daily News* since 1915, except for three years between 1922 and 1925. — *Reuter*.

STRUGGLE FOR KEY POSITION CONTINUES

Japanese Cling To Fringes Of Taierchwang

Hankow, April 6.

With the Japanese stubbornly holding on to the north-eastern section of Taierchwang, Chinese troops are employing all available force in a determined attempt to oust the invaders.

Chinese and Japanese since early Monday morning have fought furiously for possession of the key city on the north bank of the Grand Canal, according to a Chinese military communiqué.

Since possession of Taierchwang will largely determine the outcome of the present Tientsin-Pukow railway battle, the Japanese attacked the Chinese lines persistently, pouring very heavy artillery and machine-gun fire into the Chinese positions, but the Chinese refused to yield ground, and are fighting off gamely the repeated Japanese assaults.

The casualties on both sides are reported to be heavy. — *Reuter*.

Still Surrounded

Hsuechow, April 6.

In a desperate attempt to turn the tide of battle, the Japanese troops around Taierchwang on the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway are alleged to have used tear gas.

The Chinese commanders directing operations at Taierchwang are taking due precaution.

According to a telephone message from the front, some ten Japanese (Continued on Page 4.)

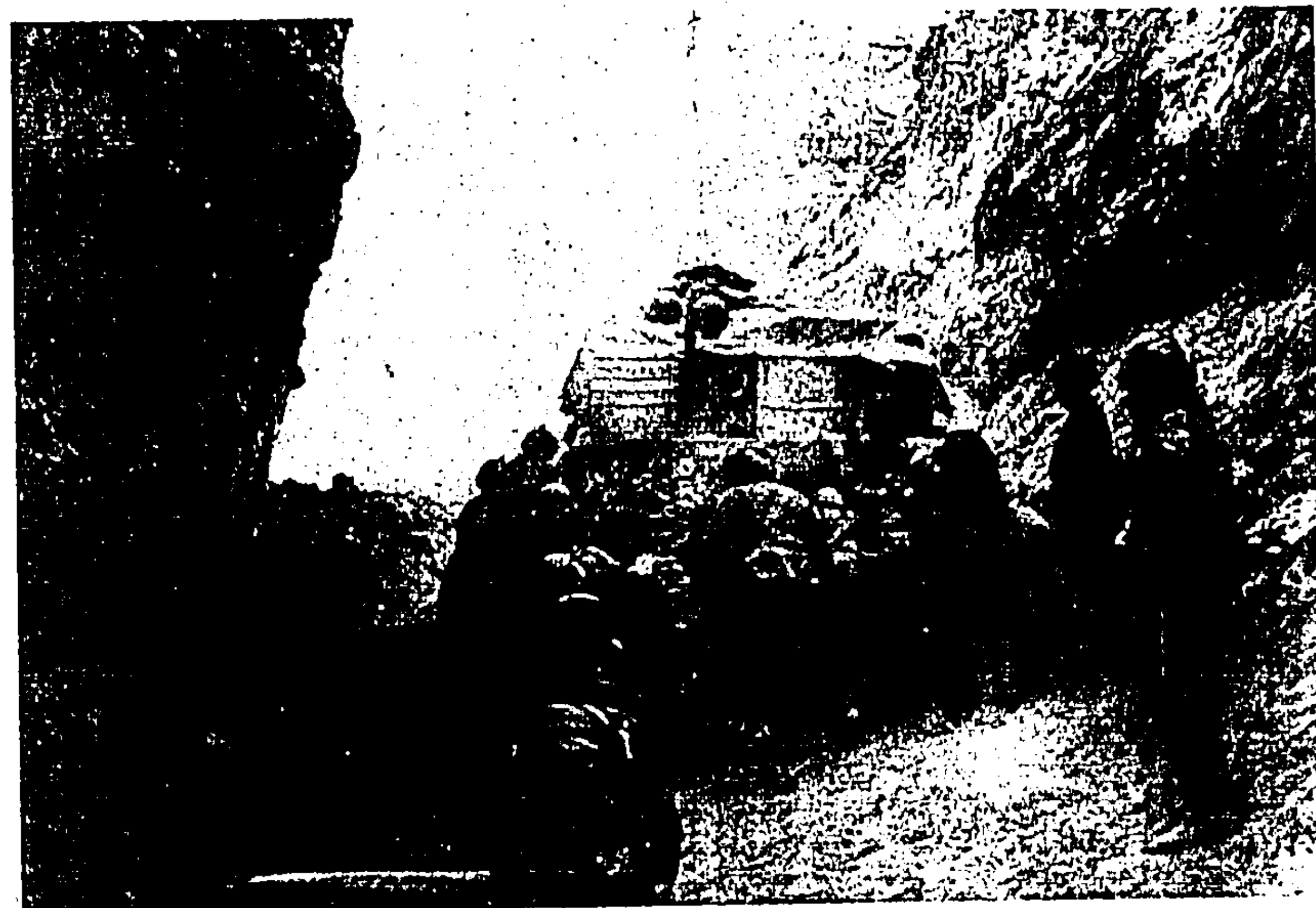
Austrian Cardinal Hurries To Rome With Explanation

Rome, Apr. 6.

Cardinal Innitzer of Vienna has arrived in Rome, and it is expected he will see the Pope to explain his motives in advising Austrian Catholics to vote for the Anschluss.

Catholic circles state that Cardinal Innitzer has come on his own initiative, and was not summoned by the Pope. — *Reuter*.

Loyalists Fight Desperate Losing Battle



Japanese Not Satisfied By Soviet Apology

Tokyo, Apr. 6.

A Foreign Office communiqué, issued in the form of conversations with Japanese reporters, reiterates the allegation that the Russians have been helping China with arms, pilots, and some soldiers since the beginning of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

The communiqué says that without doubt the Soviet assistance is directed by Moscow, and because of this "the Soviets' mere apology to the Japanese Government will not avail." — *United Press*.

POLICE HUNTING BRUTAL SLAYER

Mother And Daughter Tortured Before Shot To Death

Van Horn, Texas, Apr. 5.

Jack Hammons, wanted as an army deserter from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was arrested at Alamogordo, New Mexico, to-day in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Weston G. Frome, and her daughter, Nancy Frome.

The 46-year-old Mrs. Frome, and her 23-year-old daughter, who were driving from their Berkeley, California, home to Paris Island, were presumably killed on Wednesday afternoon.

Their bodies were found last night in the mesquite brush, six miles from Van Horn.

Both had been tortured before they were shot.

Police believe the killer was accompanied by a woman, who stood by and watched while he beat and shot his victims.

District Attorney Roy Jackson of El Paso said he believed the pair met Mrs. Frome and her daughter when they had typhoid.

A killer of such tendencies that he stamped on his helpless victims after beating them almost unconscious, was sought to-night in the vast, sparsely settled areas of the south-west.

Police were virtually without clues as to the identity of the murderer. They were not even certain whether one or two men robbed and killed the women.

BRUTAL MURDER

They believed a woman companion of the killer looked on as the man slipped the women's clothes to shreds, tore jewelry from their fingers, and (Continued on Page 4.)

This illustration gives some idea of the difficulties of army transport in Shanxi. Man-power aids the big army trucks in the rough, steep mountain roads, which are being constantly attacked by Chinese guerillas. The Chinese claim that the Japanese communications, especially in the Taierchwang area, have been completely disrupted.

BLUM PLEADING FOR WIDE FISCAL POWER TO PRESERVE NATION

Strong Opposition to Levies On Capital Encountered; Defeat Not Unlikely

Paris, Apr. 5.

A great nation cannot live like a shopkeeper, tossing and turning in his bed at night, wondering how to meet his bills, said M. Leon Blum, French Prime Minister, in a two-hour speech in the Chamber of Deputies in the course of a stormy debate on the new Finance Bill, under which M. Blum plans to raise an additional £61,000,000 a year for re-armament.

M. Blum added that £500,000,000 of frightened money was either hidden at home or sent abroad. "We cannot borrow abroad; we cannot renew our foreign loans; we wish to avoid war; we must live; we must pay; we must endure. Normal sources are insufficient; we must borrow and also take other measures to gather money."

It is expected that a division will not be reached until 3 o'clock to-morrow morning. — *Reuter*.

Strong Opposition

Paris, Apr. 5.

The Deputies adjourned until to-night.

M. Leon Blum urged the abandonment of "pale Liberalism," and denied that he made the Finance Bill deliberately drastic in order to cause the downfall of the Government.

However, many believe that the Chamber will defeat the measure, resulting in the Cabinet's resignation.

Deputies attacked foreign exchange control as a disguised form of Government control. They also attacked the capital levy as being confiscatory, and called for a revivification of the threat to National defence.

Earlier in the debate, M. Marx Dormoy, and the Rightist, M. Paul Croyssac, exchanged violent insults, and nearly came to a fight with fists, which forced M. Edouard Herriot, President of the Chamber, to adjourn the session. — *United Press*.

ITALIANS MARCHING IN VAN OF ATTACK ON TORTOSA LINES

Vital Railway and Highway Links Severed by Guns

Hendaye, Apr. 5.

Insurgent artillery around Tortosa to-day smashed the Catalonia-Valencia railway, and cut the main motor road between northern and southern Loyalist Spain.

Meanwhile, Italian Black Arrow troops and a column of legionnaires, converged on Tortosa from two sides. In the nearby outskirts of the town, the defenders fought a desperate losing battle.

From Barcelona, a telephone message to London stated that the Insurgents had entered districts commanding northern Spain's great hydraulic plants. Barcelona was paralysed for more than an hour owing to the failure of the electricity.

It is officially confirmed that Dr. Juan Negrin is virtual dictator there. However, Senator Indalecio Prieto, Minister of Defence, who refused to serve, and Senator Manuel Irujo, whom Senator Gonzalez Pena, the extremist replaced as Minister of Justice, have decided not to participate in the new Government. Senator Del Vayo has become Minister for Foreign Affairs, while Senator Vincente Uribe and Senator Jaime Ayguade have been retained as Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Labour respectively.

The United States Embassy and Consulate has moved to San Andres and De La Vaneras. — *United Press*.

Stiff Resistance

Saragossa, Apr. 5.

General Franco's legionnaires advancing on Tortosa are encountering stronger resistance than the troops who are advancing further south, and the latter may yet win the race to the Mediterranean.

Meanwhile Insurgent columns south-east of Lerida continue to advance on a wide front.

It is officially stated that over 18,000 Loyalist prisoners have been captured during three weeks, beginning March 8. — *Reuter Bulletin*.

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BRITISH- ITALIAN BARGAIN FORECAST

Work For Common Benefits And Appeasement

Rome, Apr. 5.

Progress in the Anglo-Italian conversations will be reviewed when Lord Perth, the British Ambassador to Rome, meets Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, at 6 p.m. to-day. A rigid silence is being maintained by Italian officials, but it is certain the agreement will reaffirm the Gentlemen's Agreement of January 1937, whereby both sides undertook to respect the status quo in the Mediterranean.

Both nations will also reaffirm the other's rights in the Mediterranean, it is expected.

Italy will disclaim any designs against the integrity of Spain, the Balearics and the Spanish colonies. The right of passage to all countries through the Mediterranean will be affirmed, and also the rights of ships of all nations to use the Suez Canal in time of peace and war.

There is also a general belief that agreement will be reached for the creation of machinery for the delimitation of boundaries between Abyssinia, the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, and Kenya, Britain undertaking to prevent gun-running across the frontiers, and that Italy will guarantee the unimpeded flow of the Nile waters.

Spheres of influence in the Red Sea and Arabia will be defined, and both sides will abstain from propaganda. The interests of Italy will be respected in the future settlement of Palestine.

An attempt will be made to restrict future fortifications in the Mediterranean zone and some Italian white troops in Libya will be withdrawn.

Signature to the agreement is expected at Easter, after which it is expected Britain will approach the League to secure recognition of Italy's conquest of Abyssinia. — *Bulletin*.

COAL ROYALTIES BILL PASSES

London, Apr. 5.

The House of Commons to-day gave a third reading to the Coal Royalties Bill. — *Reuter*.

SMALLPOX WARNING

1,375 men, women and children have died of smallpox during January, February and March. Many others have been blinded and scarred. Vaccination would have saved them.

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ORDER CONSULATE CLOSED

Tokyo, April 6.

According to Otaru correspondent of the *Yomiuri Shimbun*, the Soviets have ordered the Consulate there to be closed. The Consulate at Hakodate remains open. — *United Press*.

DOWN to the BEACH in These



SEA shore outfits this year are as two-sided as a penny. Once on the beach you can play round in rompers or sun suit as scanty as you please.

But going down to the beach or walking sedately along the promenade you must wear a wrap as long and as ample as your grandmother's dressing gown. For young girls there are buttoned skirts with cleverly arranged sun-bathing tops—many of the latter are just long brightly coloured scarves, folded crossover fashion and tied round the waist, or two different shades are made up into a waistcoat shape. We show one of the newest here, a laced halter brassiere. Over this is worn a bolero coat and sometimes beneath the skirt are full-skirted shorts.

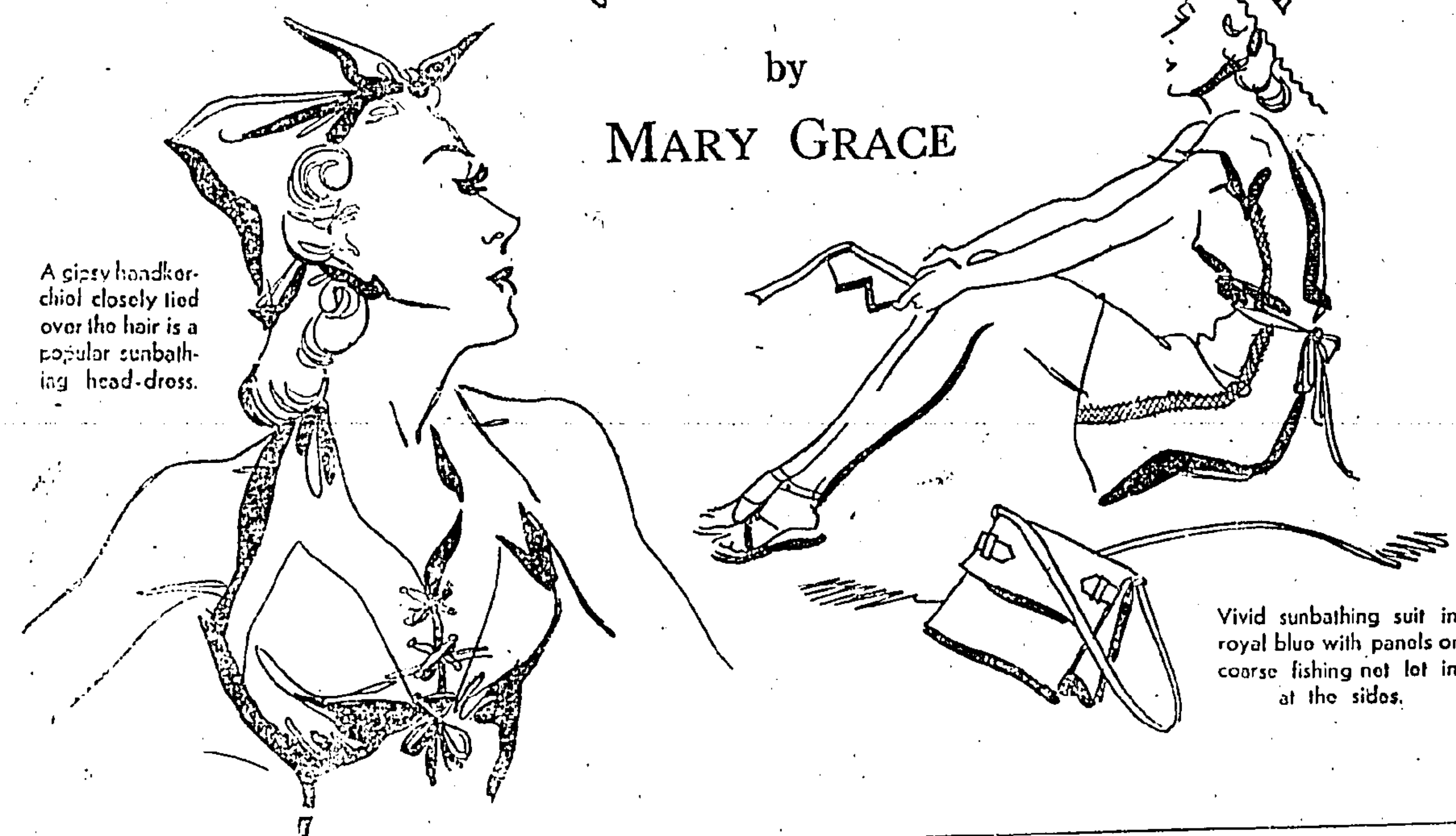
★ Sketched is a long beach dress of truly Victorian cut, made in red and white striped cotton with all the edges bound with black. In the bag to match, you can pack your bathing suits and the paraphernalia one takes down to the beach. Next to this outfit is a beach dress of pink linen with turquoise rope straps. The skirt is slit with wide pleats either side.

Below is a typical sun bathing dress in royal blue, made down each side of coarse black net similar to that used for fishing nets. The natural straw hat ties under the chin and on top of crown with black ribbon.

Don't you like too, the new aviator eye-shades, cut out of oiled silk? This summer it's the fashion on the beach to keep your head covered. Headgear like the easy one sketched is worn, just a kerchief knotted on the forehead or tied under the chin.

by
MARY GRACE

A sizey handkerchief closely tied over the hair is a popular sunbathing head-dress.



Vivid sunbathing suit in royal blue with panels of coarse fishing net let in at the sides.

COSMETIC CARE

POWDER, rouge, and lipstick must be chosen so that it suits each individual skin. There is no other really satisfactory way to obtain the best results. A very fine skin needs a very fine powder, whereas a somewhat dry skin should have a foundation of cold cream in place of the usual vanishing cream. Practically all powders now may be had in every conceivable shade. And once you have determined which one is best in your case, keep to it.

Vanishing creams need careful selection — and application — otherwise when the powder is applied, a patchy effect is produced.

Use only a very little vanishing cream, and then smooth it over and allow it to soak in for a few minutes before dusting on the powder.

The proper storing of cosmetics so that they are always in condition and produce the best results is an important point. Creams exposed to the air quickly lose their freshness and efficacy, and the fragrance disappears. Most powders are notorious collectors of dust, while powderpuffs, toilet sponges, &c., become clogged, and in that state do more harm than good.

Face powders, too, should be kept perfectly dry if the most is to be made of them. If exposed to a steamy atmosphere they are likely to cake and lose their refreshing qualities.

When lack of accommodation for storing one's beauty paraphernalia is a drawback, cosmetics should be bought in small quantities so that they may be used up fairly quickly—at least before they have time to go wrong. It means buying oftener, of course. But one is always sure of the freshness of new cosmetics, even in very small quantities.

Freshness counts for more than is usually imagined. If good effects are to be achieved, it is usually achieved.

Banishing Grease Spots

THE old-fashioned remedy for getting rid of grease spots by using a hot iron over brown paper is a great help occasionally, but there are times when something else is needed. Suppose, for instance, you get grease on your smart brown leather sports shoes—not much help to be hoped for from a hot iron then, is difficult to get grease out of leather, but the very best thing to try is French chalk.

Rub it energetically into the spot, then leave the part for twenty-four hours, well coated with the stuff. At the end of that time brush it all off, and clean the shoes with a good brown polish or cream.

If a polished table becomes greasy so that it cannot be polished nicely, wash it thoroughly with a warm soap flake lather, using a sponge. Dry with equal thoroughness, then polish in the usual way. Do not touch it with the polish until it is perfectly dry.

For grease on a carpet try the brown paper and iron remedy first. Have really absorbent paper; the very thin or shiny kind is not much use. Clean blotting paper absorbs grease well, too. Place a double layer both underneath the spot and on top of it, then press with a very warm iron. As the grease soaks through move the paper to get a clean place over the spot.

A grease splash on wallpaper calls for French chalk, dabbed on thickly, and left for twenty-four hours. Brush off with a scrupulously clean dusting brush, and, if necessary, repeat the chalking.

When grease gets split over on a kitchen table (sometimes a jar of hot dripping will get upset, for instance), it is quite a good trick if you can do it quickly enough, to douse it with plenty of cold water. This hardens the fat at once and prevents it soaking into the wood. The set fat is then scraped off, and the table then scoured in the usual way. This remedy is good also for fat split on an oilcloth-covered floor.

For a grease-spattered stove there is nothing to beat a brisk rubbing with crumpled newspaper, but if the fat is very thick, or has been left for any length of time, it will only come off satisfactorily when the stove is scrubbed with very hot water, with a handful of washing soda dissolved in it.

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Do You Do Your Children's Homework?

By A TUTOR

Working Out the Answers

IT is natural that mothers should wish their children to make good progress at school, yet many think that the best way of furthering this wish is to assist them in the actual preparation of homework. No greater mistake could be made.

By all means supervise their homework. See that they do it thoroughly and neatly, yet except in the case of the very young do not let them expect your actual help. If you do so, then their lessons will lose all interest—for there is nothing that forces one to stick to a task better than the mere act of puzzling it out for oneself.

Supervising home lessons, of course, means more than just sitting back comfortably in an armchair and reading a novel! If your child sees you doing this, he will resent the fact that you are enjoying yourself while he himself is working.

No, if you wish your children to be more interested in it themselves, the place of their teacher and ask selves. Above all, don't ignore the child's questions on it. Go over their spelling lesson with them, hear their poetry or their reading lesson, and question them on their history and geography.

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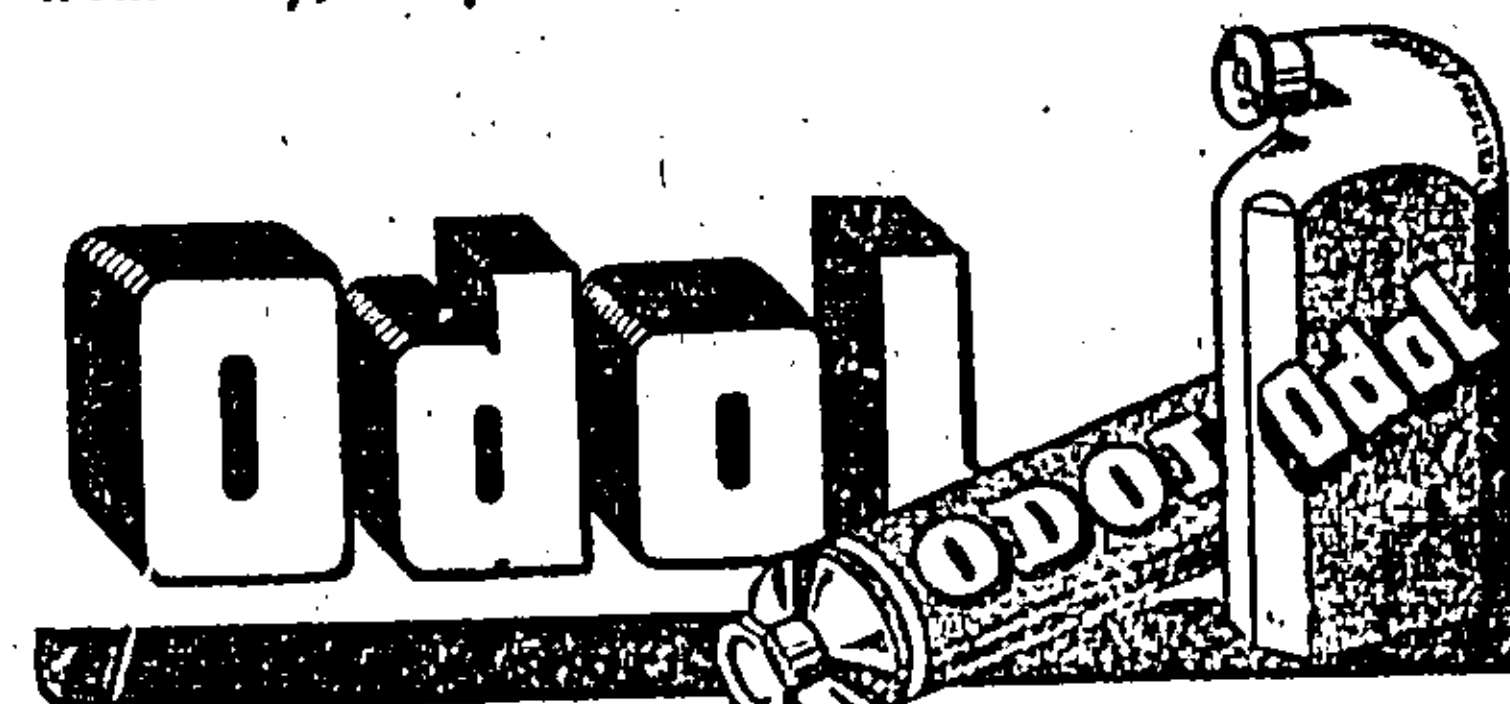


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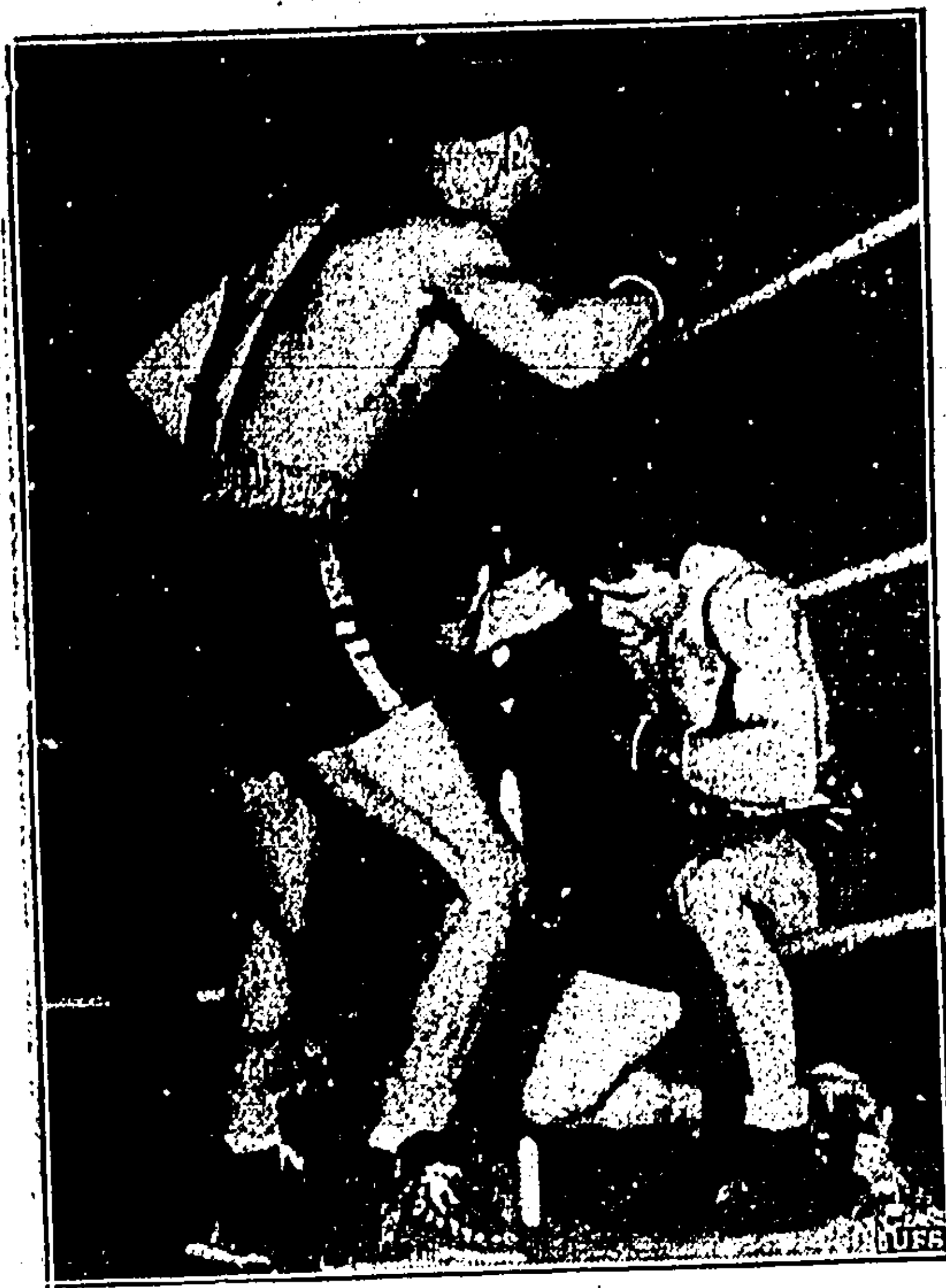
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Britain, America Move To Clean Up Espionage Menace

13 KNOCKDOWNS WERE PLENTY



AFTER THE 13th KNOCKDOWN. Referee Joe Gorman stepped between Henry Armstrong, Negro feather-weight king, and Al Cirino, in the fourth round of their bout in San Francisco, and decided Cirino had had enough. This scene was taken in the fourth round. Armstrong, left, with Cirino down.

Up Espionage Menace

WOMEN AGENTS HELP M.I. 5

Spy fever is raging in America, in Russia . . . and now in Britain.

Drastic drives to clean up foreign agents are being made by the Governments of all the great Powers.

There are indications of the beginning of a tightening-up campaign in Britain.

Secret Service men of the Admiralty, War Office, and the Air Ministry (the famous M.I.5) working in co-operation with Scotland Yard, are almost ready to round up 20 spies.

In each case evidence has been collected, but the final damning piece of evidence is missing.

Scotland Yard Special Branch, which works very closely with the Secret Service, has quietly increased its strength by 100 new operatives.

MYSTERY MAN IN CAFE DRAMA

Besides checking political firebrands, aliens and extremists, they are called in by the Secret Service to take over the routine work after the Service have cornered their quarry.

A striking example of this, which happened some time ago, was revealed by a retired officer of the Service recently.

Special Branch officers were warned to be outside a cafe at Hampstead to meet a Secret Service agent.

When they arrived, knowing nothing of their mission, they were met by the operative, who revealed his identity and then, pointing to a particular man sitting in the cafe, ordered his arrest.

The Secret Service man then vanished and did not appear in the case again.

The officers followed out their instructions and, hiring a taxi-cab, took the suspect to the Yard.

To their surprise they found full written instructions as to how they were to proceed awaiting them in their office.

FACTORY WATCH

Men and women agents have for months past been working secretly as mechanics, munition workers and fitters in Government factories, continually on the watch for signs of dealings with foreign agents.

Sudden opulence of fellow workers above their station is always carefully examined for the possibility of foreign money for exchange of secrets being the source.

Brilliant examples of the counter-espionage work of the British Secret Service have just come into the possession of Home contemporary.

Others are revealed in "The Story of the Secret Service," by Richard Wilmer Rowan (published by John Myles, Ltd.).

INVISIBLE INK CLUE

Shrewd work by the censor and by the famous counter-espionage experts of Room 40 O.B. at the Admiralty led to the capture of two effective German spies during the war.

A censor was examining postal packets going abroad to neutral countries when he found a newspaper addressed to Amsterdam.

The Amsterdam address was on the suspect list, and so the news-

paper was closely inspected. Nothing suspicious was found until it was tested for invisible ink.

In the margin of the newspaper was a brief message announcing "C had gone North. I am sending from 201."

A Scotland Yard detective-inspector was put in charge of the case.

The newspaper was postmarked Deptford, and his first inquiry was to find how many streets in Deptford had houses numbered up to above 201.

SECRET WRITING

There was only one—Deptford High-street—Yard swooped.

At 201 they found Peter Hahn, baker and confectioner, a naturalised British subject. He denied all knowledge of the newspaper, swore that he had never sent one to Amsterdam.

But when his shop was searched detectives found a bottle of invisible ink and the peculiar ball-pointed pen used for secret writing.

Further inquiries revealed that Peter Hahn had a friend, a frequent visitor. He was described as distinguished, tall, and was thought to be a Russian.

There was a weary hunt through all the boarding-house registers until the search narrowed to Bloomsbury. And then one day a landlady told the police that she had had a lodger answering to their description. He was a Russian, his name was Muller . . . and he had gone to Newcastle-on-Tyne on private business.

The "C" of the message had gone North, and detectives were certain that they were on the right track.

A message was flashed to Newcastle, and Muller was arrested.

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British Naval Officer In Burglary Sensation

A retired engineer-commander of the Royal Navy, Harry Maxwell Attwood, of Emsworth, near Portsmouth, was charged at Havant Police Court with attempting to break into Lyndhurst Guest House, Emsworth, and with having housebreaking implements.

He was committed for trial and was allowed bail. He pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence.

P. C. Legg said that at 10.50 p.m. on February 22 he saw a car stop near the guest house. Attwood walked up the drive and examined the front and back doors and the French windows.

Hearing sounds as though an attempt was being made to open the front door, he (the constable) shone his torch on Attwood and said, "What are you doing here?"

"Having a look round," replied Attwood.

He had an electric torch, jemmy,

trowel, and a tyre lever, and was wearing women's shoes.

When charged, he replied: "I only went there to get the sea breeze. The reason I have this with me (indicating the jemmy) is that I did not want it stolen from my car."

BRITAIN'S TREES TO BE COUNTED

A census of the trees in Great Britain's woodlands is to be taken, Sir Roy Robinson, chairman of the Forestry Commission, revealed in an address to the Chartered Surveyors' Institute. The census, it is understood, will take account of old and new trees, which will be enumerated with tabulated descriptions.

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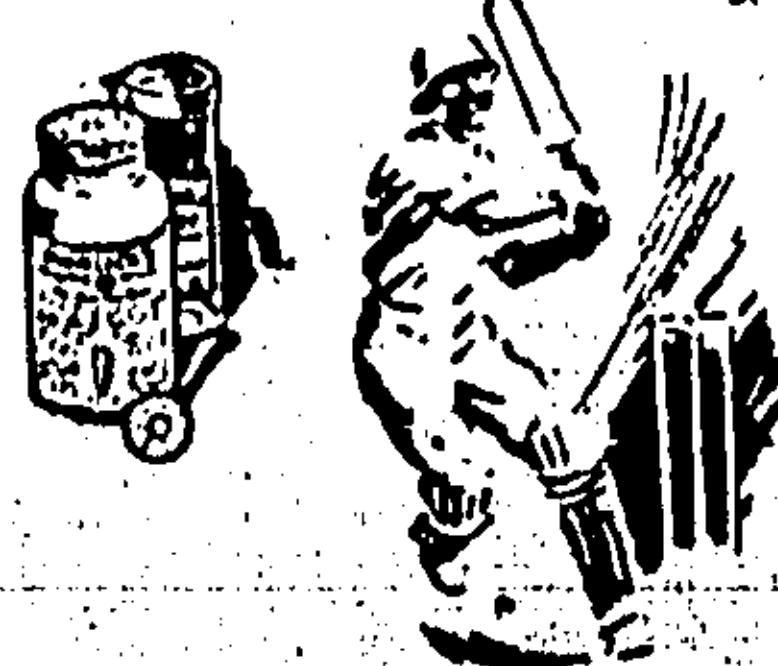
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London, Apr. 5. Frequent representations have been made in the past few weeks to the Japanese Government and local Japanese authorities in China with a view to protection of British interests in North China and maintenance and preservation of treaty rights, said Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, at a question time in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Butler added that the matters particularly dealt with have been the integrity of the Chinese Customs, uniformity and proper application of tariffs, currency and institution of monopolies. Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, Ambassador to China, and Sir Robert Carr, Ambassador to Tokyo, will, of course, continue to watch the situation closely.—*Reuter*.

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

A Christmas Pudding (Elsie and Doris Waters) . . . Elsie and Doris Waters.

9.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

9.03 Studio—Concert by the Dance Band of H.M. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment).

1. Fox-Trot—Big Bill List Du Schone (Seymour, Chappell); 2. Slow Fox-Trot—Let's Have Another Cigarette (Wrubel, Chappell); 3. Waltz—Sympathy (Friml, Chappell); 4. Fox-Trot—Flag that Train (Peterson, Feldman); 5. Slow Fox-Trot—Can I Forget You (Kern, Chappell); 6. Fox-Trot—High Hat and Piccolo And A Cane (Brown, L. Wright); 7. Fox-Trot—Shine (Mack L. Wright).

9.10 Local Relay—Monty Wrenches in the Trade Machine—J. A talk by Sir Josiah Stamp, G.C.S.I., G.B.E.

9.15 Musical Comedy Selections.

Helen (Act 1: O Gollith Pair—Offenbach) . . . Fred and Susie (Soprano) . . . Gold Diggers Of 1935 Selection (Burke).

Intro: "Painting the Clouds With Sunshine," "Go to Bed," "Tip Toe Through the Tulips With Me," "Song Of The Gold Diggers" . . . Regal Cinema Orchestra Cond. by Emanuel Starkey, Quentin M. McLean (Organ), "Rio Rita," Vocal Gems (McCarthy and "Tie-me" . . . "Kunkajou," "If you're in love you'll wait," "Following the fun around," "Ranger's Song," "Follow Through" . . . Vocal Gems (De Sylva, Brown, Henderson).

Intro: "Buton up your overcoat," "My lucky Star," "I want to be bad," "You wouldn't fool me, would you?"

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Bachmannoff—Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18.

Played by Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

10.25 Songs by Alex. Kipulis (Bass).

Vier Ernste Gesänge, Op. 121 (Jesu Sirach, Kip. 41); O Wusst' ich doch das Weg Zurück, Op. 63, No. 8 (Klaus Grotz).

10.34 Light Variety Programme.

Symphony—Night At The Ballet, No. 4: Orchestra . . . Symphony Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr.

Vocal—Musical Memories Of Franz Lehár—Potpourri . . . Eliza Hillard (Soprano), Hans Fildesser (Tenor) with Orchestra. Theatre Orchestra Waltzes From Vienna . . . Waltz Selection (Johann Strauss); . . . London Theatre Orchestra cond. by Walfrid Hyden.

Had A Heart, Margaretta (Lisbon, Connor & Schmitz); Alfredo And His Orchestra with vocal refrain.

11.0 Close Down.

JAPANESE ASSAULT BRITON

Ugly Incident in Hongkow Area

Shanghai, Apr. 5. Another incident involving a British subject and Japanese soldiers occurred this afternoon in Hongkow. A Briton, Alexander McKie, employee of the Knitting Factory of Hongkow, was escorting four Chinese workers through Hongkow in the direction of the Settlement when a Japanese sentry halted them and shouted something McKie was unable to understand.

After vainly trying to understand, McKie began retreating with his Chinese companions in the direction from which he had come.

As he did so a number of Japanese troops appeared on the scene from some near-by barracks and, according to McKie, immediately attacked him and his companions, striking McKie in the face and beating him about the body.

McKie and his companions finally succeeded in escaping to a refuge inside the factory, which was nearby.

McKie has already lodged a protest to the Police, and will submit a full report to the British Consulate General to-morrow morning.—*Reuter*.

REMEDIOS INCIDENT

Move For Settlement Out Of Court

Shanghai, Apr. 5. A Japanese Embassy spokesman announced to-day that a Japanese employee in the firm where Mr. C. J. dos Remedios is employed is engaged at present in approaching both parties with a view to reaching a settlement out of court.

The spokesman declared that he thought it could be taken for granted that such a settlement could be finally reached so that the matter would not have to be taken to an ordinary court.

Mr. Remedios alleged that he was manhandled by Japanese civilians in the Japanese-controlled section of the International Settlement last Saturday and has brought a charge against them.—*Reuter Special*.

Two Women Brutally Murdered

Texas Police On Slaying Tracks

Van Horn, Tex., Apr. 4. The police to-day sought attackers at Berkeley, California, of the well-known socialist, Mrs. Weston C. Frome (40) and her beautiful daughter, Nancy (22), a graduate of California University.

Their bodies were found six miles east of the highway in heavy brush. Apparently they were slain on Wednesday last, when their automobile was found stripped, 50 miles away.

The flesh of the young girl's forearm had been burned.—*United Press*.

FOUGHT FURIOUSLY

Van Horn, later.

The District Attorney, Mr. Roy D. Jackson, of El Paso, said that, according to information given by two unidentified informers, two men and two women were seen in the vicinity of the slaying and possibly comprised the attacking party. One woman was about 22 and blonde and the other about 30 and a brunette.

The men were not described.

The Attorney said robbery was the motive in his opinion and that the women were tortured in order to reveal the whereabouts of their money.

Tracks indicate that the women fought furiously and apparently the car was without a driver for several hundred yards. The daughter had clutched the sandy roll in agony until her fingers bled.

A special investigator, Mr. Roy D. Chittwood, said "many angles are still being considered, including the example, due to the radiote appearance of the crime."—*United Press*.

BOMBER MISSING

Crash Into Sea Near Singapore Feared

Singapore, Apr. 5. A Wilde Berste torpedo bomber of Number 100 Squadron, with three persons aboard, has been missing since 9 p.m. last night, when it was seen flying in a heavy squall, 30 miles east of Singapore.

Thirty-six Air Force planes are searching for the untraced bomber, which is feared to have struck the sea in the poor visibility and sunk.—*Reuter*.

HONOLULU CRASH

Honolulu, Apr. 5. A resident has found a piece of burned silk floating in Kaneohe Bay. It is believed to come from the missing American bomber which crashed last week while on manoeuvres.—*United Press*.

CRASH IN ENGLAND

Driffield, Yorks, Apr. 5. Five men of the Royal Air Force were killed when a heavy bomber crashed in this neighbourhood to-day.—*United Press*.

Noted Actor Passes

Mr. James Carew, Husband Of Ellen Terry

London, Apr. 5. The death occurred last night of Mr. James Carew, 62, veteran character actor and third husband of Ellen Terry.—*United Press*.

Born at Goschen, Indiana, in February 1876, Mr. Carew first appeared on the stage at the Irving Theatre, Chicago, in May, 1897, playing Dionysius in "Damon and Pythias." After touring with companies for two years he had a run of 30 weeks as Sir John Oxon in "A Lady of Quality." Soon afterwards he came into prominence through the brilliance he displayed in "The Climbers." After playing Tom Stafford in "Sweet Kitty Bellairs" at the Belasco Theatre, New York, with great success, he joined Maxine Elliott and took the part of Sam Coast in "Her Own Way."

In April 1903, Carew went to London and remained for nearly four years, playing Frank Bruce in "An Angel Unwashed," Hector Malone in "Man and Superman" and other leading parts. In January 1907, he returned to America with Ellen Terry and her company, and played the title-role in "Capt. Brassbound's Conversion" and Geert in "The Good Hope." At Pittsburgh in March 1907, he and Miss Terry were married.

VARIETY OF PARTS

Returning to London and settling there, Carew appeared in a great variety of parts, among the most famous being Laroque in "Madame X," Capt. Carey and the Gen of the Carpet in "Where the Rainbow Ends," Frederick in "The Jew," King Asvatpuri in "Savitri," Capt. Boney and George Merry in "Treasure Island" and in 1929 Mr. Vanhatten in "The Apple Cart." He also appeared in a number of films.

Early in 1931 two new entertainers calling themselves "Alexander & Moss" began giving amusing negro broadcasts from the London station. Several weeks elapsed before it was discovered that "Alexander" was Carew and "Moss" was Billy Bennett. Their performance was so exceptionally good that they were offered a large number of stage engagements.

Ellen Terry had died in 1928 at the age of 60.

REV. WALTER FRERE

Former Bishop of Truro Passes Away

London, April 4. The death is announced of the Rt. Rev. Walter Howard Frere, former Bishop of Truro, who, it is stated, was the only member of a religious order to be made an Anglican bishop since the Reformation.

Bishop Frere was Superior of the Resurrection from 1902 to 1913. He was 75 years of age.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

DR. R. P. WILDER

Well-known Missionary In North China Passes

New York, Mar. 28. The Foreign Missions Conference to-day announced the death in Oslo on Monday of Dr. Robert P. Wilder, noted American missionary.

Mrs. Stanley Hoyte, of Linton, China, is his daughter.—*United Press*.

The late Dr. Wilder was the founder in 1886, and later travelling secretary and a member of the executive committee of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions. He was also the founder of the British Student Volunteer Missionary Union in 1892, National Secretary of the Inter-Collegiate Y.M.C.A. of India and Ceylon and General Secretary of the Indian National Congress of the Y.M.C.A. from 1899 to 1902. During the War he served as a director of the religious work bureau.

MR. JOHN LAUDER

Mr. John Currie Lauder, brother of Sir Harry Lauder died in St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, aged 64. Mr. Lauder who lived at Stockton Newcastle became ill during a visit to Sydney.

PROMINENT PEOPLE

Recent Deaths Reported From London

London, Mar. 24. The following deaths were reported during the past week:

Mr. Charles Thompson, at his home, Penhill Close, Cardiff, at the age of 88. He was a member of a family noted for their benefactions to Cardiff over many years and in many fields.

Sir Charles Welby, fifth baronet, of Denham Manor, near Grantham, in a London nursing home at the age of 72.

The Earl of Kinnoull, a Labour Whip, in a London nursing home at the age of 35. The Right Hon. George Harley Hay, 14th Earl of Kinnoull, Viscount Dupplin, and Baron Hay, of Kintfauns, in the peerage of Scotland, and Baron Hay, of Pedwardine, in the peerage of Great Britain, was born on March 30, 1902.

Mr. Leopold Albu, well known in London and South African mining circles, at the Grand Hotel in Rome at the age of 77, states *Reuter*.

Major John Charles James Hoby, M.B.E., muson, at his home in London after an illness of over a year, at the age of 69. Major Hoby was a

Japanese Ban S'hai Paper From Posts

Claim Full Control Of Settlement Printed Matter

Foreign Postal authorities confirmed to-day that on Saturday the Japanese censors banned from the mails Saturday's issue of the American owned Shanghai Evening Post.

Although the censors gave no reason, it is noteworthy that the Post featured a story of a Japanese assault on a British subject, Mr. Remedios, and reviewed the series of "new-wrecking incidents involving mainly Japanese and long-suffering Shanghai-Janders."

This is the first instance of foreign newspapers being banned from the mails, but it is learned that the Empress of Japan from Hongkong on Sunday before arriving here posted a warning stating "all communistic and anti-Japanese literature and also Hongkong newspapers should be destroyed."

The Editor of the Shanghai Post, Mr. R. Gould, has requested the British Consul-General Mr. C. C. G. to take appropriate action.—*United Press*.

JAPANESE EXPLANATION

Copies of the American owned Evening Post, dated April 2, wrapped up and posted for delivery outside Shanghai, were held up in the Post Office on instructions of the Japanese censors adds *Reuter*.

Questioned regarding the non-posting of these papers and the ban on Hongkong newspapers in Shanghai, the Japanese spokesman said that he had no information, this being a question for the censors.

He added that while it was the policy of the Japanese not to interfere with foreign mail so far as possible, the Japanese intent to eradicate by all means possible Communistic or anti-Japanese material from entry into or egress from the areas controlled by the Japanese.

Asked whether the Japanese considered that they had the right to make this control include the International Settlement, the spokesman replied: "Certainly."

REPRESENTATIONS MADE

Shanghai, Apr. 5. It is learned that the editor of the Evening Post Mr. R. Gould, made personal representations, first verbal, then in writing, to the United States Consul General, Mr. C. Gauss, this evening, asking him to take such steps as may be deemed appropriate to prevent recurrence of postal banning of newspapers.

He added that it was the editor's view that the Japanese had no right to censor any mail sent by or received from Americans inside the International Settlement.—*Reuter*.

For the composer, producing much military and orchestral music, incidental music for stage productions, school and other songs, and pieces for piano and harp. He was a frequent performer of singing.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

MR. H. H. G. MITCHELL

Member of Well-known Engineering Firm

Mr. Hugh Henry Gordon Mitchell, who died in England recently at the age of 63, was in Singapore in December on an annual inspection of the Singapore Harbour Dock.

In 1905, Mr. Mitchell was appointed Harbour Engineer at Madras and in 1910 succeeded the late Sir Francis Spring as Engineer in Charge of the Madras Port Trust. He returned to England in 1916 to join the Army, but great damage to the Harbour in Madras, due to a cyclone, necessitated his recall. He, however, returned to England and joined the Royal Artillery with the rank of Colonel.

From 1921 until his death Mr. Mitchell was a partner in the firm of Coode, Wilson, Mitchell and Vaughan-Lee, chartered civil engineers. He was the recipient of the Institute of Civil Engineers George Stephenson Gold Medal.

He was a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Engineering and Railway Staff Corps in which he served 13 years. He married, in 1926, Dorothy May Mitchell, who survives him.—*Singapore Free Press*.

MRS. REBECCA LEE

Mrs. Rebecca Lee, Norwegian, died at the General Hospital in Shanghai at 11.15 to-day, after a heart attack while she was sleeping.

Mrs. Lee was in the showroom of Mustard and Company on Soochow Road when she was stricken.

MR. SAMUEL DUNN

Death of Well-known Jewish Resident of Colony

The death occurred yesterday afternoon at the Queen Mary Hospital of a well-known Jewish resident of the Colony in the person of Mr. Samuel Dunn, following an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Dunn entered hospital on Wednesday last week.

Aged 60 years, he had been a resident of the Colony since about 1918, and leaves a widow and family to whom the sympathy of many friends will be extended. A son is in America, and there are three daughters in Hongkong, one of whom is married, this being Mrs. Carlo. A sister of the late Mr. Dunn is Mrs. R. Well.

The funeral will take place to-day at 4 p.m. in the Jewish Cemetery.

Britain's Ambassador Welcomed

China Still Hopes For Material Aid

Hankow, Apr. 5. The influential Chinese daily, Ta Kung Pao, in a leader to-day, welcoming the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, expresses the hope that at least "Britain will carry out her promise to the League of Nations to offer China assistance through material and diplomatic channels."

Declaring that the new Ambassador arrived at Hankow at a time when China was facing "the gravest foreign invasion," it proceeds to emphasize that "China has faith in Britain's friendship and we hope that Britain will trust China and be her trustworthy friend."

The paper continues that Chinese tradition for a thousand years has been to value most the friendship of those who have shown themselves "her friend in need."

"Sir Archibald," the paper states, "has arrived to assume the post of Ambassador at a time when China is in such an hour of need. We hope that through his efforts Anglo-Chinese friendship will be further strengthened for the future progress of the Far East and the world. Britain to-day remains the corner stone of world affairs and has enjoyed for over a century a heritage of power and interests in the Far East."

CHINA GRATEFUL

"Britain cannot ignore what has been going on in the Far East since the Lukochiao Incident. We are grateful for the sympathetic expressions of the British Press, churches and intellectuals."

"We are especially grateful for Britain's efforts for a curbing termination of Sino-Japanese hostilities at the League meetings and the Brussels Conference and also for the British Government's acceptance of the League resolution to give individual assistance to China."

"We are happy to inform the British Ambassador that the Chinese public unanimously regards Britain as one of China's most trustworthy friends."

"We also wish to inform the British Ambassador that Britain's friendship towards China will not be wasted."

"For nearly 40 years Britain has been looking for a friend in the Far East. Britain decided to assist and cultivate the friendship of a new progressive nation—Japan. Britain was unwilling to take action despite Japan's occupation of Manchuria. When Japan extended her influence to the area south of the Great Wall, Britain still adopted an attitude of compromise. But to-day Japan's ambition to conquer the whole of China and drive the influence of the white race out of the Pacific becomes perfectly clear. This necessitates Britain's reconsideration of her Far East policy. She cannot hesitate any longer and a far-sighted policy must be decided."

BALANCE OF POWER

"In the past Britain's fundamental policy was maintenance of the balance of power, thereby ensuring peace, and China obtained security under the protection of that balance of power."

"To-day we have a new China. Japan's invasion has brought about the birth of a new national spirit and a new Chinese army which cannot be conquered. After the present war China will always be a strong influence towards peace and justice."

"While Britain's recent efforts for compromise in Europe and her naval rearmament programme in co-operation with the United States show Britain's preparedness, it must be pointed out that China is facing serious foreign invasion, the outcome of which is bound to have a most profound effect on the future of the Far East and the world."—*Reuter*.

ADDRESS ON CHINA

Former Political Adviser To China Talks to Committee

London, April 4. Sir Frederick Whyte addressed the Conservative Private Members Committee to-day on the present situation in China. His address was mainly an historical survey of events from the middle of 1937 to the present time.—*Reuter*.

Sir Frederick Whyte was political adviser to the National Government of China from 1930 to 1932, and President of the Legislative Assembly of India from 1920 to 1925.

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DEATH

DUNN.—At 2 p.m. on April 5, 1938,
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Samuel Dunn, aged 60 years.
Funeral will take place at the
Jewish Cemetery at 4 p.m.
to-day.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1938.

DIVIDING WATER
COST BURDEN

The proposals offered by the
Financial Secretary, the Hon.
Mr. Caine, for the abolition of
free water, the revising of
charges and the reorganisation
of the administration of this
vital utility service appear to
have failed to win any great
amount of popular support. The
reception given the suggestions
by contemporaries is not exactly
enthusiastic. If, as seems pro-
bable, the more well-to-do
people of Hongkong are going
to pay the waterworks piper
under the new system of
charges it is not surprising that
they should be concerned. But,
on the other hand, if the poorer
people are to benefit, as seems
equally probable, it is in the
public interest to support Mr.
Caine's scheme.

Actually it is not proposed to
attempt to pass judgment on
this very involved and com-
plicated subject. But it does
seem, on the face of it, that
those who can best afford to pay
more for their water are to be
asked to do so; and that if there
are any benefits they will be
found in the reduction of rates
among the tenement dwellers.
In this respect it must be borne
in mind that unless landlords,
or principal tenants, are pre-
pared to reduce rents in direct
ratio to the amount of water
rates saved to them, the tenement
dwellers will not benefit.
In fact, they will be forced to
pay for all their water and, in
addition, that proportion of their
rents which formerly the land-
lord had to contribute to the
Government in water rates.
Injustice may creep in here; and
if it does the only persons
standing to gain by the new
regulations would be the land-
lords, those sometimes maligned
and often suspected people
whose investments are not al-
ways the gold mines the general
public tends to believe them.

There seems to be no question
but that residents of the higher
levels, particularly those on the
Peak proper, are going to have
to pay substantially more for
their water than they have done
in the past. The reason for
this is made clear to the
uninitiated when it is explained
that their free water allowance
is calculated on their assessment
value. The higher the assess-
ment, the greater their supply
of free water. It is obvious
that a particularly wealthy

IN the catalogue of num-
bers, three probably
occurs most frequently
in our life.

Its first manifestation in the
mind of most people is, obvious-
ly, the Trinity, but the number
is associated with the Saviour
from His birth, when the three
Magi, guided by the star, arrived
to pay Him homage, bearing
three gifts—Gold, Frankincense
and Myrrh. In celebration of
this event the Church early es-
tablished the Feast of the Three
Kings, now called the Epiphany,
which became a separate feast in
813 A.D.

THE number followed
Him to the end of His
life, for on the night of His ar-
rest, He said to Peter, "Before
the cock crows, thou shalt deny
Me thrice." He was crucified with
one of three crosses at 3
o'clock in the afternoon, when
He was thirty-three years of
age, and He rose on the third
day, as He had prophesied when
He said to the Jews who ques-
tioned Him, "Destroy this temple
and in three days I will raise it
up."

had burnt six, because he re-
fused to pay the same price for
the original nine volumes.

Leaving the ancient world
with its three governing men
forming a triumvirate, the crown
offered three times to Caesar
and its triremes, the forerunners
of our own "three-deckers," we
come to our own times with the
Three great Estates of the
Realm—the King, the Lords and
the Commons. For the protec-
tion of the Empire are the three
great services—the Army, the
Navy and the Air Force, bound
together in their allegiance by
the Tricolour.

When Charles Stewart Par-
nell was known as "the uncrown-
ed King of Ireland" and the Irish
Land Act was being hotly dis-

THE MYSTERY OF 3

The Pope wears the tiara or
the triple crown on ceremonial
occasions and in the Church
building itself is the triforium
—the arcade above the arches
between the nave and the side
aisles.

The number appears in the
Old Testament. Three were the
patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac and
Jacob, and threefold was their
blessing.

STILL earlier, the num-
ber appears in the
ancient mythologies of Greece
and Rome. There were three
Fates—Clotho who spun the
thread of life, Lachesis who
pointed out man's destiny with a
staff and Atropos who cut the
thread with a pair of shears
when the time came for him to
die; three Furies—Tisiphone,
Alecto and Megaera whom the
Greeks, fearing their enmity,
sought to propitiate by calling
the Eumenides, the "Well mean-
ing" or "kindly Goddesses";
three Graces, Euphrosyne,
Aglia and Thalia, and Cerberus,
the three-headed dog, which
guarded the entrance to Hades.

Three were the books contain-
ing the destiny of Rome which
Tarquin bought for 300 pieces of
gold from the Sybil after she

THREE frequently ap-
pears in connection
with the Sciences and the Arts.

Of prime importance is the
triangle from whose study de-
veloped trigonometry which
treats of the relations of the
sides and angles of triangles and
the methods of deducing from
certain given parts other re-
quired parts.

Mathematics, chemistry, bio-
logy and other sciences have in-
troduced large numbers of words
beginning with "tri" to denote
their relation to three.

In botany, three appears in
several relations, an example of
which is the trifolium or clover
because it normally possesses
three leaves. When a plant is
found with four leaves, the
superstitious preserve it as a
bringer of luck.

THREE is probably the
earliest number with the
which we become acquainted, Florence.

for it figures in the nursery
rhymes we learn by heart—
"Three Blind Mice," "Three Lit-
tle Kittens," "The Three Wise
Men of Gotham" and "Old King
Cole and his Fiddlers Three,"
while it appears in many fairy
stories like "The Three Bears"
and "The Three Pigs."

In heraldry three animals,
birds or other symbols constant-
ly appear in the arms of those of
high birth. Thus, three lions are
seen in the arms of the
Sovereign; three ostrich feathers
from the badge of the Prince of
Wales and three feathers the
headdress of ladies appearing in
ceremonial dress before the
Sovereign.

Three obeisances or bows are
made on entering and three
steps backwards are taken on
leaving the presence of the
Sovereign or his representative.
Criers in court repeat "Oyez"
(hear) three times to secure
silence and the town crier, cor-
rupting the word to "O yes,"
calls it three times as he rings
his bell before making his an-
nouncement.

Three golden balls are the
sign of the pawnbroker, prob-
ably derived from the arms of
earliest number with the
Medici, the great bankers of

Before we can be married in
Church the banns must be called
three times and our children are
taught the three R's.

If we race, we start to the
bidding of "One, Two, Three,
Off," and we must win certain
events three times running to
secure permanent possession of
the trophy. If we bet and lose
we console ourselves with the
thought, "third time lucky."

Being tired, we replenish our
exhausted energies with three
meals a day. If we go swim-
ming we buoy ourselves with the
belief that we shall not drown
until we have sunk three times,
while if we come into the
clutches of the police we hope to
escape the "third degree" in
their attempt to make us con-
fess.

Finally, to those whom we de-
light to honour we give three
cheers, the "tiger" to which may
stand for the three which the
reader may miss because there
is not room in this article for
them.

Rudolph de
Cordova

SPLENDID NEWS ABOUT EYES To-DAY

By An Ophthalmic Surgeon

HAVE you ever sat opposite a girl lovely in every
respect but one: that she had to peer at the world
through thick lenses, her eyes that should have been
so beautiful either magnified like those of a codfish or
diminished to black dots in a pool of ripples?
If you have, you will learn with interest of the
great strides that have been made in perfecting in-
visible spectacles—in other words, "contact lenses,"
which, you may remember, were first talked of a year
or two ago.

These lenses make their bow this week at the
British Industries fair as delicate shells of glass worn
closely fitted to the eyeball itself, their edges covered
by the eyelids, their presence of an imperceptible at first
glance even to an eye surgeon.

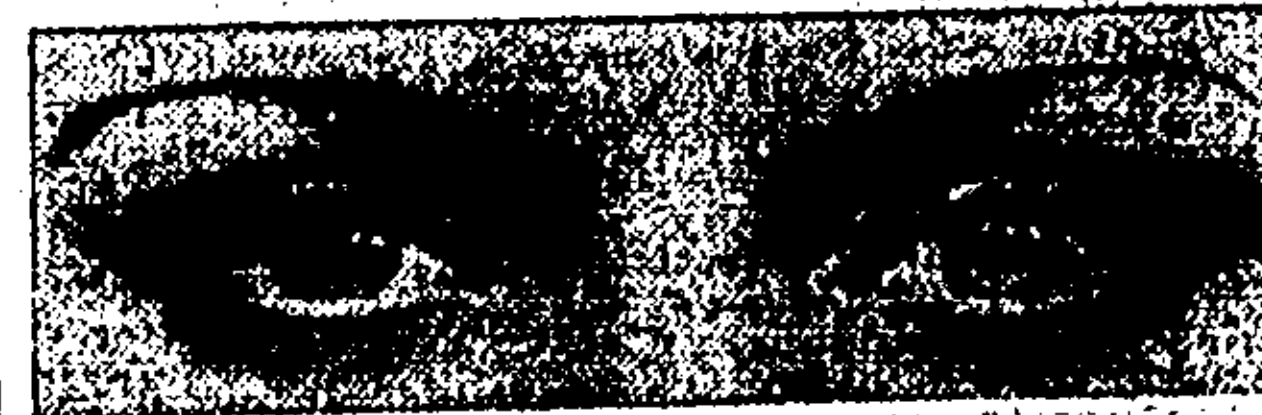
LIKE A CAMERA

THEY are far more than a beauty-aid; they are a
means of restoring perfect sight.
The eye is like a camera taking pictures through
a closed window: its lens may be properly focused,
but if the window pane is not an even surface the
picture will be distorted. In the eye the cornea, the
transparent skin covering the pupil and the coloured
iris, corresponds to the window-pane.
A distorted cornea can be corrected only by having
a cap of glass fitted to it which presents a regular sur-
face to the outside world. To achieve perfect results
has taken years of research.

The original contact lenses were hemispherical
shells of glass, but as each eye is a different shape often
the fit was not good. Now they are made to measure.

14 HOURS' WORK

THE surgeon makes the eye insensitive by putting a
few drops of cocaine on it and then takes a mould
of the eyeball in wax. From this plaster casts are
made and the first trial lens is moulded from them.



In both these cases glasses are worn. This article
explains why you can't see them in the lower
picture.

Now comes a long process of fitting the lens, noting
where it is irregular, taking it back to the bench and
grinding it down a few thousandths of a millimetre and
trying again. This may take 14 sessions of an hour
each.

At last the final shell is cast, the lens correction
ground into the centre, and the patient can start his new
life.

I have known a young woman so overcome on
putting on her contact lenses and seeing herself com-
pletely for the first time in a long mirror that she wept
for joy.

Personalities of Old Hongkong

Magic Mind That Made Hongkong's Bank A World Power

"JACKSON'S FOLLY" BECAME GREATEST INSTITUTION

By T. Paul Gregory

ONE OF THE GREATEST PERSONALITIES IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COLONY IS THAT GENIAL AND READY-WITTED SON OF ERIN WHO DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF WHAT IS PERHAPS THE GREATEST BANKING ENTERPRISE IN THE ENTIRE ORIENT.

This was Sir Thomas Jackson, and the Bank under his guiding genius became the powerful institution to-day known as the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Sir Thomas Jackson was born in the year 1841 at Usker, Crossmaglen, Ireland. He was the son of David Jackson, a man of some property; since he was enabled to give his son an excellent education under private tutors. Like most sons of the Irish and English gentry during the age of Queen Victoria, the choice of a profession for him was limited to one of three—the counting-house, the clergy or the army. Sir Thomas, however, chose the first, and being gifted with an exceptional capacity for figures and what might also be stated an unusual aptitude for finance—banking was promptly conceded as being his proper métier. Consequently, with this end in view he commenced his career at the age of 20 as a clerk in the Belfast office of the Bank of Ireland. Four years later having served his apprenticeship so to speak, he joined the Agra Bank and subsequently in 1866, he commenced a long and most successful association with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank which had only been founded in January of the previous year.

During the next decade, Sir Thomas served the Bank in various capacities, and his financial acumen and general ability being by this time widely known all along the China coast, he was chosen to occupy the institution's highest post, that of Chief Manager. This position, as those who are aware of the pre-eminence of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in the mercantile affairs of the Far East, is almost unique, for the occupant may be said to wield almost dictatorial power and is comparable in more ways than one with the dignity of the Governor of the Colony.

BIRTH OF A BANK

Moreover, upon the shoulders of the Chief Manager rest enormous responsibilities; for to his acumen and foresight are dependent the fortunes of the greatest financial institution in the Orient.

Indeed, some might have been loth to entrust the guidance of such great affairs in the hands of a man who was barely thirty-five years of age, but the years have proved and exemplified the wisdom of the Bank's first directorate. During the regime of this tall, brusque-mannered Irishman the Bank grew by leaps and bounds, and from a veritable touch-and-go phase attained a virtual hegemony in the financial world of the China littoral. Moreover, the phenomenal growth registered in the first ten years with Sir Thomas at the helm is a fit criterion of the progress of later years, as the appended tables briefly show:

Reserve Fund	
1876. \$ 100,000;	1886. \$ 5,000,000
Total Assets	
1876. \$34,600,000;	1886. \$104,800,000
Notes in Circulation	
1876. \$ 1,800,000;	1886. \$ 4,460,000
Deposits	
1876. \$11,500,000;	1886. \$ 65,000,000

It was during this first decade that Sir Thomas proved himself to be a man of faith and vision—one who looked ahead and was firm in his unalterable conviction that the Colony would grow and increase in trade and commerce as time went on; for he planned a building to house the bank which until it was demolished in 1935 to make way for the present splendid structure, was considered to be one of the most imposing of its day. Sir Thomas was not, however, without his critics, and many residents who were lacking in faith in the Colony's future promptly dubbed the premises of the Bank by the rather opprobrious epithet of "Jackson's folly."

TROUBLED WATERS

The passing of the years, however, proved that the courage, vision and indomitable spirit of the keen-sighted manager and the board of directors who placed their faith in him were fully justified by future events. "The Bank" was soon to take its place as the premier financial house of the Far East.

From that time onward its progress was most phenomenal. Even the temporary depressions of the 'eighties and early 'nineties due to the abnormal fluctuations in the price of silver had practically no lasting effect on the Bank's stability. Indeed, these

seasonal crises seem to have rendered the institution sounder than ever; for as Sir Thomas Jackson wittily remarked, "If the fishing is to be good, the waters must be troubled."

The great work of this eminent financier, whilst it had long been tacitly admitted to be of paramount importance received concrete recognition with the bestowal of the honour of Knighthood by Queen Victoria in 1890.

In 1902, moreover, upon his retirement from business life in the Colony, King Edward VII created him the first Baronet of Stansted House, Stansted, Essex. The great Banking Corporation which he had nurtured so faithfully and carefully during the course of a quarter of a century, as a mark of appreciation of his able services, erected the imposing bronze statue which stands in "Statue Square" facing benevolently at the magnificent headquarters of the institution which owes its inception largely to his creative genius.

LEADER OF COMMUNITY

Sir Thomas Jackson after his retirement did not entirely forego participation in the affairs of the financial world in which he had occupied a pre-eminent position for so long, but served upon the directorate of a number of corporations among which may be mentioned the Bank of Persia of which he was chairman for some time. In addition, he retained an active interest in the East, and for years was a familiar figure at the annual reunions of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in London. It was whilst he was staying in the metropolis and sitting peacefully in his chair that his active life came to an end at the age of seventy-four on December 21, 1915. Thus passed the man who during his many years residence in the Colony, besides being a banker in the generally accepted meaning of the term, was likewise a highly esteemed leader in the social and political life of the community. He served on practically every committee which had the welfare of the Colony as its motive, and it was truly said that no public cause was complete without a word from "T. J." as he was affectionately known to his friends and admirers; for Sir Thomas had the Irish knack of translating his fund of cogent logic into discourses of silvery eloquence.

In short, he was regarded with the greatest affection by all classes of the community and his valuable services will always form one of the brightest pages in the colourful history of the Colony of Hongkong.

Peking Man Was A Cannibal

Described as most important in connection with the Peking man was the discovery of a large piece of thigh bone among the large quantity of material removed from Choukoutou just before the fighting began last July.

Scientists have now reconstructed the complete leg of the skeleton. The thigh bone was obviously removed from the hip bone with an axe and then split lengthwise by the same instrument.

Scientists believe that this was done to extract the marrow, proving that the Peking man was a cannibal. This was first suspected when it was noticed that all the skulls found were broken as if to extract the brain.

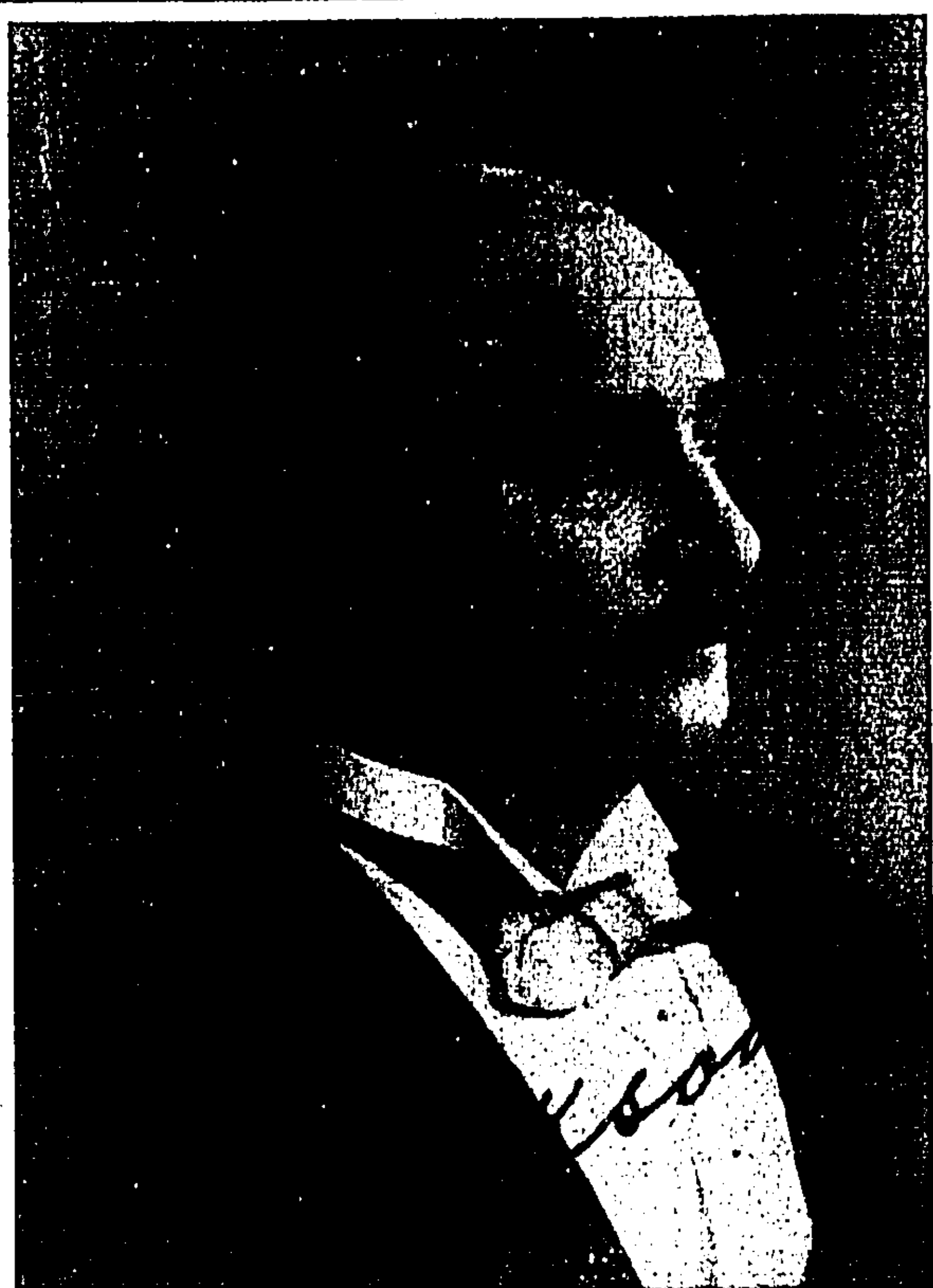
[The "Peking man" is the name given to a skull found at Choukoutou (40 miles from Peking) in 1929, and ascribed to Pleistocene times.]

Former Paris Idol Found Injured

Mme. Poinle, French actress and former idol of Paris, has been found in her flat with severe injuries caused by splinters of glass.

Born in Algeria, Mme. Poinle was noted for her wasp-like waist, which fitted into a man's collar. Her legs were once insured for £10,000. She was the actress to make bare legs general on the stage—Central News.

SIR THOS JACKSON, FINANCIAL WIZARD



SIR THOS JACKSON

U.S. DESIGNER PLANS 380 M.P.H. BOMBER

A SENSATIONAL revelation by Mr. Glenn Martin, the aircraft designer, before the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives that he was studying plans for a 142-ton, 280-m.p.h. bomber, with a "ceiling" of more than 25,000 feet, is causing concern among Congressmen, cables a Washington correspondent. These machines would be more than seven times the size of the Empire flying-boats.

"Enlist Or Face Sentence"

"HE must join the Army or Navy within a week. Otherwise, he will be sentenced next week."

That was a police-court "ultimatum" from the chairman, Alderman Pearson, at Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham.

It concerned 17-year-old Walter Harry Gilby, Church-lane, Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield, who admitted driving away a motor van without the owner's consent and without licence or insurance policy.

"Couldn't he be given another chance?" Gilby's mother had asked.

"No—that is definite," the chairman told her. "Suppose he had run over someone!"

"He is not your son; he is mine!" the mother said.

When police stopped the van—which belonged to Gilby's employer—three boys "passengers" were with him.

The father said that his son did not seem to settle down in his job of delivering newspapers. He had been given money for a provisional licence but apparently suffered from swollen head and was "too big" to have an "L" on the vehicle.

"I shall put him in the Army or Navy to-morrow morning," Mr. Gilby added.

DICTATOR ENDS STAY-IN STRIKE

Muscle-loving Marshal Rydz-Smigly, virtual dictator of Poland, has ended the stay-in strike of 703 ball-tossers and singers, who for 10 days locked themselves in Warsaw's Opera House to obtain £2,000 owing to them in salaries.

He said to Finance Minister, Eugen Kwiatkowski: "Warsaw must have its opera again immediately."

The Finance Minister conferred with Lord Mayor Stefan Starzynski. Then he received a delegation from the company. He said:—

"I will grant you £12,000. So besides receiving the money due to you, you will have £10,000 to create a fund to ensure that you will receive your full salaries in future. And now you will also be able to buy new scenery and costumes."

The delegation raced back to the Opera House to break the news. The company cheered Marshal Rydz-Smigly for five minutes, sang the Polish—National Anthem, then streamed off home.

Senator Walsh, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, has announced his intention to insist that the problem of the relative merits of aircraft and battleship shall be cleared up before the Naval Appropriations are passed.

Friction on this vital question among members of the Lower House committee now studying the Expansion Bill may, it is thought, delay the passage of the measure.

Mr. Martin, invited to comment on Rear-Admiral Cook's statement that a battleship can produce in an hour the same amount of fire as 450 bombing planes, replied:

"Let us reverse the argument. Four hundred and fifty aeroplanes could deliver their shells 200 miles away in an hour, while the battleship is delivering them 20 miles."

"Again, if a battleship were to shoot at its full capacity for an hour it would need to return to its base, possibly for six months, while new guns were installed."

"The deterioration of aircraft is not nearly so great."

Alarmed at the "foreign preparations for war, and the almost total absence of plans for peace," Senator Pittman proposes that £120,000,000 should be added to the £200,000,000 nation's building programme.

"PASS-OUT" COCKTAIL

This Man Did

Pert Elizabeth (Cape Province). THE strangest cocktail was mixed by a man who broke into the house here of Mr. D. R. Ryan, prominent amateur golfer.

When Mr. Ryan returned home he found a man was lying on the floor of the lounge.

Investigation showed that the man had obtained a large jug from the kitchen and poured into it the following:—

A bottle and a half of whiskey;

One bottle of sherry;

One bottle of stout;

Two bottles of soda water;

A quarter of a bottle of methylated spirits.

He then cooked a meal in the kitchen and sat down in the lounge to enjoy it.

He finished the contents of the jug before "passing out."

Soviet Inventors Busy

Moscow. More than 20,000 claims for new inventions are made annually in the Soviet Union. During last year alone 600,000 proposals, of which half were accepted, were made.

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H.K.T. 12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Excerpts from Gilbert & Sullivan.

"Trial By Jury"; 1. Hark, the Hour of Ten is Sounding... George Baker and Chorus; 2. Is This the Court of the Exchequer?... Derek Oldham and Chorus; 3. When First My Old, Old Love... Derek Oldham, George Baker and Chorus; 4. All Hail Great Judge... Chorus; "Patience"; I Hear the Soft Note of the Echoing Voice; (Finale, Act 1)... Sextette and Mixed Chorus; But Who is This? (Finale, Act 1)... N. Brercliffe-L. Rands—V. Lawson—G. Baker—R. Mackay—M. Eyre B. Lewis—D. Oldham—D. Fancourt—M. Green with Orchestra.

12.40 Reginald Dixon (Cinema Organ).

Dixon Hits No. 2: "Broadway Melody of 1936"—Film Selection; "Curly Top"—Film Selection.

1.0 Local Time, Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Latest Dance Music.

Swing Step—I'm Gettin' Sentimental Over You (Washington Bassman).

Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Remember Me? (From "Mr. Dodd Takes the Air"); Here Comes The Sandman (From "Mr. Dodd Takes the Air").

Harry Roy & His Orchestra with vocal refrain; Quickstep—Am I In Love? (From "Mr. Dodd Takes the Air"); Waltz—The Girl You Used To Be (From "Mr. Dodd Takes the Air").

Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra; Fox-Trots—I'd Like to See Samson Of Samson (From "52nd Street"); Picture Me in Paradise (J. G. Gilbert).

Mantovani and His Orchestra with vocal refrain; On Linger Longer Island (Kennedy—Carr); Please Remember (Denby & Watson).

Jack Harris and His Orchestra vocal refrain by Sam Browne.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Variety.

Violin: "Cello & Piano—Rustle Of Spring (Frühlingsrauschen—Sindling—Op. 32 No. 3); Romance In E Flat (Rubinstein—arr. Bor)...

Albert Sandler Trio (Albert Sandler—Violin; Reginald Kilbey—Cello; and Jack Byfield—Piano); Theatre Orchestra—Venus In Silk—Selection (Stolz); Vocal—After All These Years (Gilbert & Nicholls); Sailing Home (Samuels, Whitcup & Powell).

Turner Layton; Vocal—Just Once For All Time (From "Congress Dances")... Irene Elsing; Orchestra—Live, Laugh And Love (From "Congress Dances")... Marek Weber.

And His Orchestra with vocal refrain by Paul Horbiger; Vocal—Our Greatest Successes... Cicely Courtneidge and Jack Hulbert.

2.15 Close Down.

6.0-7.0 Chinese Programme.

7.0 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Whatcha Gotcha Trombone For (Kennedy, Carr); Tl Step Out Of The Picture (Kennedy, Carr)...

Ambrose And His Orchestra with vocal refrain. Who Stole The Tiger's Rug? (Packard); Bring 'Em Back Alive (Powell-Williams-Castle-Jefferson)...

Nat Gonella and His Georgians vocal refrain by Nat Gonella. Tango Fox-Trot—Marlous (Connolly and Marlott); Fox-Trot—Rhythm In My Nursery Rhymes (Cahn, Raye, Lunceford and Chaplin)...

Roy Fox And His Orchestra vocal refrain by Mary Lee. Slow Fox-Trot—Star Dust Covered Bundle (Hodges); Fox-Trot—My Shadow's Where My Sweetheart Used To Be (Lida and Carr)...

Joe Loss And His Orchestra with vocal refrain. Tango Fox-Trot—Sorrento By The Sea (Henderson and Rosen); Waltz—When You're Only Seventeen (Tulp Time)...

New Mayfair Dance Orchestra with vocal refrain.

7.32 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.35 "Elsie and Doris"—The Hill Billies And Greta Keller.

That's Gold In Den Thar Hills (Connor and Lissbon); Headin' Home (From "Here Comes The Band")...

The Hill Billies. Have You Forgotten So Soon? (Nicholls, Gilbert); Did You Mean It? (Dixon, Greer)...

Greta Keller, Well Rest. At The End Of The Trail (Poulton and Rose); Carry Me Back To The Lone Prairie (Carson J. Robison)...

The Hill Billies. Gert And Daisy Make (Continued on Page 5.)

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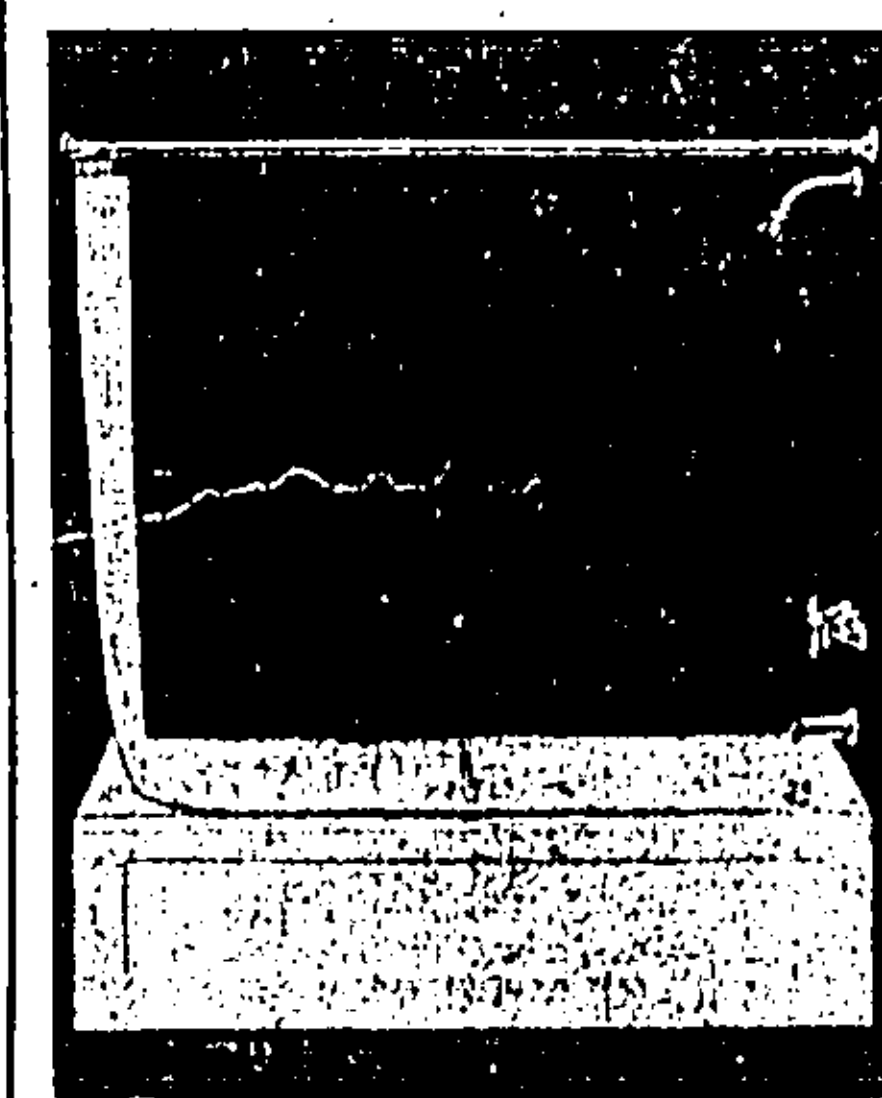
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TSUI WAI-PUI FULLY EXTENDED BY E. C. FINCHER

SPLENDID PLAY IN YESTERDAY'S TENNIS MATCH LOSER FIGHTS PLUCKILY RIGHT TO THE FINISH

(By "Abe")

If Tsui Wai-pui, the Colony champion of 1936 and Chinese Davis Cupper last year, was a trifle disappointing, E. C. Fincher more than fulfilled expectations at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday when these two players met in the quarter-finals of the singles in the current tennis championships.

As the scores of 6-4, 8-6 suggest, it was a fight to the finish with little in it between the two. That Tsui, regarded in many quarters as in a class by himself in Hongkong at the present moment, won the match was perhaps only to be expected; but the manner in which Fincher made him go and out to do so was an eye opener even to those who have thought highly of the K.C.C. man's play in the current tournament.

Not for a long time has Fincher revealed such splendid form as he did yesterday when he scored numerous winners with drives on both wings; but in his attempts to make winning shots, he also committed more blunders than usual. This was particularly noticeable on his backhand which failed him unexpectedly on several occasions even when he was essaying the easiest of shots. Although he also made mistakes in his forehand, he was comparatively safe on this wing except when he tried to impart more speed into his drives; then he was prone to overhit.

Fincher's service was extremely good throughout the whole of the encounter. He did not serve a single double-fault and even "aced" his opponent on several occasions.

NOT AT BEST

Although he played some glorious shots which left Fincher literally standing, Tsui's game did not seem to be as sound as usual even if his shots were always a little more varied than Fincher's. At times he appeared almost casual and seldom, if ever, in the course of the 24 games did he reproduce the form which carried him through to the championship in 1936 without conceding a single set.

But it is a tribute to Tsui's standard of play that even when he was not at his best he was able to beat a man like Fincher in straight sets. Indications were not lacking in the second set of the possibility of the encounter going the full distance, but though he led 5-4 and 6-5, Fincher was pulled back each time.

The match produced perhaps the highest standard of play seen so far in the singles championship. It touched heights of brilliance but also sank to the level of mediocrity. Play was always entertaining and the evenness of the scores sustained interest to the end.

With both men driving so well, it was only to be expected that they

S. A. Rumjahn Plays Leo Wai-tong

Another interesting match in the quarter-finals of the singles will be played to-day when S. A. Rumjahn clashes with Leo Wai-tong. The encounter will be played on the stand court and the winner will meet Tsui Wai-pui.

Seabiscuit Is An Easy Victor

Agua Caliente, Mex., Mar. 27. Mrs. C. S. Howard's mighty Seabiscuit romped to an easy victory in the \$12,500 added Agua Caliente Handicap before a record crowd of 22,000 spectators to-day.

The 1937 handicap champion, a favourite in the betting, won the mile and one-eighth race by two lengths over Grey Jack. Little Nymph was third, a head behind Gray Jack. Amur Bruo was fourth and Warfellow fifth.—United Press.

conducted their campaigns from the base-line most of the time. There were occasions when each went up to the net in turn but the results did not encourage them to pursue this method of attack and the match concluded in a series of base-line duels.

GREAT FIGHT

Fincher made a great fight to save the opening set. Leading by 5-3, Tsui had three set points but each time Fincher forced him into errors and then Fincher himself went on to win the game. Again in the tenth game, Tsui, with service, was leading 40-15 but Fincher "deuced" the errors, only to lose the game after the Chinese had held four set points.

There was a ding-dong struggle in the second set. Fincher did well to lead at the vital stages 5-3 and 6-5, but he was unable to clinch the advantage and the set ended in the fourteenth game for the match.



Tsui Wai-pui was the first player to enter the semi-finals of the Colony Tennis singles championship by beating E. C. Fincher yesterday. Picture was taken during the match. (Photo: Staff Photographer).

CARPENTIER, 44, STILL PLAYS RUGBY

NO HIGH OPINION OF PRESENT "HEAVIES"

(By Trevor Wignall)

London, Mar. 3.

Cocktail-bars do not often attract my custom, for the reason that I shiver under the cold and disapproving eye of the waiter after my order has been humbly tendered.

The feeling that swirls through me is akin to that which arrives when the head waiter of any luxury hotel discovers to his sorrow and repulsion that water will be taken with all meals, and that a pot of tea will always be preferred to the usual thimbleful of coffee.

I have been taking it on the chin from elegantly-attired servants for a long time now, but it is the cocktail-bar attendants who are still most successful in reducing what passes for my nature.

They have a way of looking down their noses that brings me near to trembling.

On occasions I have been cowardly enough to call for a dry martini in addition to the plain orange or the tomato juice.

Inevitably I was viewed with renewed suspicion when, on rising, it was observed by the count in disguise that the martini had not been touched.

PROSPERITY

The other night in Paris, however, I summed up sufficient nerve to push open the door of a place of cool that is only about two stones-throw from the Arc de Triomphe.

There were two rooms, and both were jammed.

Life and laughter were at their height, there was considerable popping of corks, and all the indications were that a lively and prosperous trade was being done.

Present were large numbers of both sexes, who were either decorative, easy on the eye, or plain ugly; but easily the most distinctive person was a lean man in a brown suit.

He moved from table to table with a large smile and with greetings in English or French.

He stood out because of his personality, which was as prominent as an electric sign, and it was hard to realise that he was the owner of the popular joint.

I had not seen him at close quarters for five or more years.

His name is Georges Carpentier.

He is still as thin and as elegantly chapped as he was when he was bowling people over in rings.

He is the only world's champion with a long neck I have ever known, and perhaps that neck is a trifle more stringy to-day than it was when he was in his prime.

When trade began to die away he joined my small party. Easing himself into a chair, he softly sighed.

On inquiry, I ascertained that he was a little weary.

Three hours before he had played a wing three-quarter for his Rugby team in a tough and fast match.

His age is forty-four.

STILL 12ST. 7LBS.

The fighter the Americans named "Gorgeous Georges" and the "Orchid Man" told me he can still run, take a tackle, or bring down an opponent.

He never misses his Sunday Rugby game, but he does not claim that football is solely responsible for his ability to make 12st. 7lbs., which was about the weight he scaled when he met Jack Dempsey for the world's heavy-weight championship.

Not greatly to my surprise he confessed that he has no high opinion of present-day heavies. I went beyond that.

Loudly and with meaning I told him that if Joe Louis and Max Schmeling were extracted from the present very moderate crop he could have taken on all the rest at the rate of three at a time.

Carpentier merely shrugged, but there were others in hearing distance who quickly observed the sentiment.

Louis and Schmeling would have provided Carpentier with action when he was in his heyday, but I cannot think of any others now more or less prominent who would have given him a run.

LOWLY STATE

That's how far down we have slipped.

Not only in Britain, but in every other pugilistic country on earth.

Many second-raters these days are occupying positions that were once filled by the Corbells and Dempseys and Tunneys. They are getting away with the bluff because it cannot be called.

They are the leaders and the top-notchers of their indifferent set solely because they live in an era when professional fighting is in a more lowly state than it has been for an age.

Home Football

VILLA DEFEATED BY BURNLEY

Second Division Race More Interesting

The race for championship honours in the Second Division of the English Football League was made more interesting to-day as the result of the defeat of Aston Villa, the League leaders, by Burnley.

Playing away, the Villa were beaten by three goals to nil. In spite of this reverse, the Villa players are still in the lead with matches in hand.

The present standings of the four leading teams in this division are as follows:

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Aston Villa .. 34 20 6 8 55 30 46
Manchester U. 35 19 7 9 71 45 45
Sheffield U. 36 19 7 10 64 50 45
Coventry .. 36 17 10 9 55 37 44

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

In the First Division of the Scottish League, Queen's Park, at home, played a drawn match with Aberdeen, each side scoring once.—Reuter.

Celtic "Too Late" For £10,000

Sunderland recently offered Glasgow Celtic £10,000 for the transfer of Delaney, international right winger. Celtic refused.

Celtic rang up Sunderland on March 15 to say the player had requested a change, and they would not stand in his way.

Sunderland called a board meeting and decided that as Delaney would not be eligible for their F.A. Cup semi-final the proposition had lost its appeal.

Players must have been on a club's books for fourteen days before they can play in a cup-tie.

W. C. CHOY LEAVING ENGLAND

Did Well In Covered Court Tennis

London, Mar. 9.

Some of the men's singles in the Covered Court Championship at Queen's yesterday were rather more lively. As an exhibition of hard hitting nothing could well exceed the display of F. D. Leyland against P. M. Davis, a match which was also interesting from its variation of fortune.

Leyland led 4-2 in the first set and lost it; again he led 4-1 in the second, and only won it at 8-6 after losing the lead. In the third Davis, with his less aggressive methods, was always the winner, though there were still many of Leyland's forehand drives at which he could do no more than look at.

T. S. Olliff played very leisurely against J. J. Fitzpatrick, but his backhand groundstrokes were fine enough to excuse innumerable errors on the forehand. His opponent deserved the four games he won in the second set.

W. C. Choy was far too strong for the young player from America, R. P. Harman. Choy is playing so well this year that it is a pity that he will shortly be leaving England. He might have done well at Wimbledon.

The last eight in the men's singles should be reached to-morrow. This stage in the women's singles was completed yesterday.

POWER AND PACE

In the women's singles there were several interesting matches, none more so than that in which Mrs. McKelvie defeated Miss Joy Cox. Mrs. McKelvie's power and pace were too much for the younger player in the end, though Miss Cox's clever anticipation and tireless running kept the match alive for a long time. She even got a 5-4 lead in the first set, but after she had lost it at 8-7 was rather overpowered in the second.

Miss Harvey again volleyed her way quickly through her match against Mrs. Herbert, and Miss J. Saunders carried too many and heavy guns for Miss Boyall. Mrs. Mitchell, in something like her old form, beat Miss Morley after a very long first set; and Mrs. Dyson fell to Miss Cardinall, who recovered from 2-5 down in the first set to lose only one more game in the match.

Men's Singles—2nd rd.: P. M. Davis bt. F. D. Leyland, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2; D. J. Cook bt. Dr. F. H. Rothmann, 6-0, 6-2; D. J. Davis bt. J. A. Alcock, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; W. C. Choy bt. R. P. Harman, 6-2, 6-2, 3rd rd.: J. S. Olliff bt. J. J. Fitzpatrick, 6-1, 6-4; D. J. Cook bt. A. Eric, 6-1, 6-2; A. R. Dally bt. J. C. Warboys, 6-1, 6-4; N. Sharpe bt. H. S. P. Hay, 6-0, 6-0.

Women's Singles—2nd rd.: Miss J. Saunders bt. Miss D. M. Boyall, 6-1, 6-3; Miss A. P. Cardinall bt. Mrs. W. J. Dyson, 6-1, 6-2; Miss J. Ingram bt. Miss G. M. Southwell, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; Mrs. R. D. McKelvie bt. Miss J. Cox, 6-2, 6-2; Miss J. M. Smith bt. Miss R. Thomas, 6-3, 6-2; Mrs. L. R. C. Mitchell bt. Miss J. Morley, 10-8, 6-2; 2nd rd.: Mrs. K. Herbert, 6-1, 6-2.

Men's Doubles—1st rd.: Major G. Aymer and A. R. Dally bt. D. J. Cook and J. C. Warboys, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; J. S. Olliff and K. Lavack bt. R. Scholopfer and H. Cross, 6-0, 6-0.

Women's Doubles—1st rd.: Mrs. J. Morley and Miss B. Datt bt. Mrs. J. Dyson and Miss P. N. Morrison, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4; Miss J. Paterson and Miss R. Thomas bt. Miss J. Baker and Miss D. Pawsen, 6-1, 6-2.

TABLE TENNIS ENCOUNTER

An interesting table tennis match will be played this evening between the European Y.M.C.A. and the Hongkong Table Tennis Federation. Two mixed teams will be in opposition. The match will be played at the European Y.M.C.A.

The Federation will be represented by the following:

Man.—Tong Suen-hing (Captain), Tam Hung-kwan, Chan Chui-fan, Yeung Shiu-sui and Chung Kin-yue.

Ladies.—Misses Kwok Mo-mun, Lo Chiu-yee, Lam Wai-ching, Fung Yuk-ching and Yik May-lay.

SARAZEN RETIRES FROM RYDER CUP GOLF

Augusta, Apr. 5.

A sensation has been caused in American golfing circles to-day by an announcement made by Gene Sarazen to the effect that he was retiring from the Ryder Cup Competition.

Sarazen stated he considered that he had been unfairly treated, having repeatedly been passed over for the captaincy of the American team.—Reuter.

Sarazen recently completed a world tour, in the course of which he passed through the Colony. He did not give an exhibition in Hongkong, however.

When interviewed on his return to the United States, Sarazen suggested that American professional golfers should make an annual circuit of the Pacific, starting from San Francisco, then on to Honolulu, Japan, Hongkong, Philippines, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and back to the United States.

Sarazen was open champion of the United States in 1922 and 1932, and British open champion in 1932. He has been a member of America's Ryder Cup team against Great Britain in every match since the competition started in 1927. He took part in the match last year at Southport.



Gene Sarazen, the famous American golfer, has announced his retirement from Ryder Cup golf, alleging that he has been unfairly treated and repeatedly passed over for the captaincy of the American team.

Attractive Badminton Promised

Wong And Hui In Men's Singles Final To-day

The postponed final match between P. H. Wong (holder) and P. K. Hui in the Badminton Championship will be decided this evening at Taikeo R.C.

Splendid badminton is assured as both men are now in fine form. Each has played two matches to enter the final. Their records to date are as follows:

WONG

Beat S. W. Clark 15-4, 15-4.
Beat S. Y. Hon 15-8, 15-5.

HUI

Beat F. Tse 15-1, 15-5.
Beat C. Au 5-15, 15-13, 15-5.

It will thus be seen that Hui has had the harder task in reaching the final. Up against Au, one of the best players in the Colony, Hui took a 1-0 lead in the semi-finals. He fought back splendidly, however, and pulled the game out of the fire, proving that Wong this evening will have an opponent who will contest the issue right to the end.

An interesting ladies programme has been arranged, commencing at 8 p.m.

The evening's programme is as follows: 8 p.m.—Invitation Knock-out

BIG HITTING BY OXFORD CRICKETER

Port Elizabeth (South Africa).

Pieter van der Byl, the Oxford Blue and captain of Western Province, enabled his side to snatch a sensational Currie Cup victory here over Eastern Province by hitting 28 runs in the last over (says Reuter).

In an innings of 51 not out, Van der Byl claimed three 6's and seven 4's.

Western Province had to score 117 in 43 minutes and the winning hit was made off the seventh ball of the over.

REFEREES' MEETING

The half-monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held in the offices of the Hongkong Football Association on Monday, April 11, at 8 p.m.

Ladies' Doubles Tournament: Miss M. Silva and Miss O. Ribeiro v. Miss W. Ching and Miss U. Khoo.

Miss A. Remedios and Mrs. M. Wainstaff v. Miss N. Eardley and Miss B. Pollock.

Mrs. R. Sumner and Mrs. S. W. Cunningham v. Miss M. Fraser and Miss I. Cunningham.

Mrs. S. Remedios and Mrs. N. Castro v. Miss M. Xavier and Miss M. Ribeiro.

9 p.m.—Men's Singles, Championship Final (P. H. Wong, holder v. P. K. Hui).

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Though beaten, E. C. Fincher put up a gallant fight against Tsui Wai-pui. Fincher's service was extremely steady throughout and did not make a single fault. Here he is seen serving. (Photo: Staff Photographer).

Rugby Football

MEN WHO WAITED

Navy Steadiness Beat R.A.F. Dash

By J. P. Jordan

London, Feb. 21.

Royal Navy 10 pts. Royal Air Force 6
Royal Air Force forwards played like tigers in the opening match of the inter-Services tournament at Twickenham, but despite their ferocity the greater experience of the Navy pack told in the end.

Led by C. E. St. J. Beamish, and with every man doing his full share, the Navy forwards, splendidly supported by their backs, gave the Navy a pleasing time in the first half. It looked as if they would cross over with a six-points lead, but just on the interval their defence wilted, and their advantage was cut down to a single point.

Early in the second half the Navy steadiness and the generalship of N. L. Evans became apparent; they had taken the measure of their opponents.

Navy back row of W. H. Crawford, R. J. L. Hammond, and J. K. Watkins came properly into action, and J. O. Sowerbutts and G. A. Walker, who until then had made opening after opening almost unchecked, found their wings clipped.

Navy scored five more rather lucky points, and although the Air Force had a chance to snatch a last-minute victory they bungled.

THE BETTER SIDE
Navy were slightly the better side, and deserved their success in a tremendously fast, keen game.

G. R. Vassour, the Navy's stand-off half, if not so brilliant as Walker, the outstanding back on the field, cut out openings that led to B. M. Goldworthy scoring both the Navy tries that Crawford converted, while W. B. Whitworth performed great service for his side by the way in kicking the dangerous D. H. M. Craven in check.

It was Craven who gained the R.A.F.'s try in the first three minutes, following a beautiful opening by Walker. S. J. D. Robinson kicked a penalty goal for the Air Force, and impressed with his fine running in the centre, while J. M. Thompson

BASKETBALL TIE

Local League Champions Meet To-night

The tie which exists for the leadership of the Hongkong Senior Basketball League will be played out tonight when the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and Chung Shing meet in the feature of a three game programme at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Both teams have yet to taste defeat, and the match promises to be thrilling.

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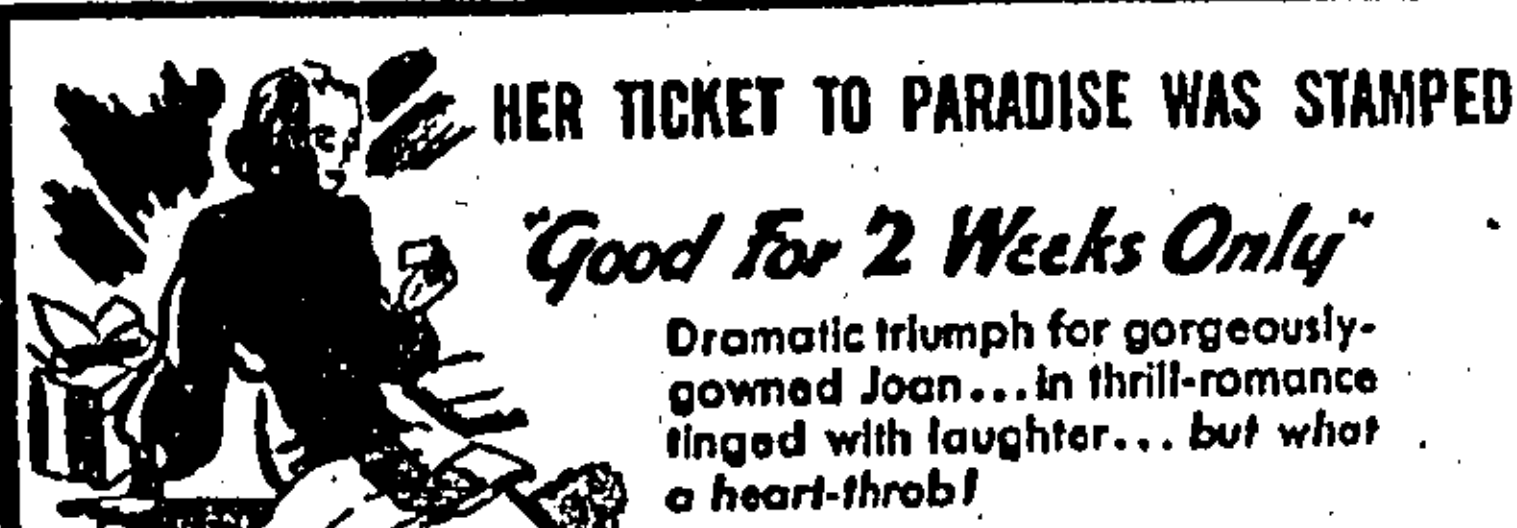
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AUSTIN BEATEN TWICE

Tennis Surprise At Monte Carlo

From A. Wallis Myers

Monte Carlo, Mar. 3.
H. W. Austin had an unlucky day at Saint Roman, losing in both singles and doubles, to French players.

In the Monte Carlo Cup he was beaten by Bollell, who capitalised his volleying genius and won by 6-4, 6-3. In the Butler International doubles Austin and Hughes, after leading two sets to one against Boussus and Brugnon, faded right out of the picture, collecting only two more games.

Austin's service return was his only aggressive blow; on the volley, especially overhead, he was too meek, allowing his quick-footed opponents to recover noise and position. Sand surfaces mean long rallies, and Austin was not in the mood to-day to sustain them.

Bollell, a product of covered courts, played shrewdly. His excess of pace came when it was least expected, and his quick angled volleys often trapped Austin on the wrong foot. The first set was long and close. Bollell's extra speed just carrying it. In the second set Austin withdrew his pressure.

If England lost Austin and Butler in the singles she kept Shays and Peters, both scoring fine victories. Shays beat Bawarowski 9-7, 6-7, 6-4 after a gruelling struggle, and Peters, after losing the first four games to Schroder, mixed his game so cleverly and chased the ball so gallantly that the Swedish champion, missing his favourite fast wood floor, was ultimately mastered, the Englishman winning 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.

PETERS DECLINES POINT

Down 2-4 in the final set, Schroder squared, but Peter was impregnable in defence and won the next seven points. On the eighth point the umpire awarded him the match, but he declined to take it, alleging that his drive had been two inches out. The stroke was eventually replayed and Peters lost it. Schroder, teased into extravagance, then over-drove the baseline.

France is now certain to win the Butler Cup to-morrow. In the semi-final to-day Boussus and Brugnon beat Austin and Hughes 4-6, 6-3, 1-6, 6-0, 6-2, while Bollell and Pelizza defeated Puncce and Mitic, of Yugoslavia, 7-5, 6-3, 9-7. In both matches the French smashing was decisive.

The Beaumont Cup final will be an Angle-French affair. Miss Mathieu and Miss Bogner will defend it against Miss York and Miss Nuthall. The holders had a comparatively safe journey against Miss Noel and Miss Scriven, after trailing 2-4 in the first set they won 7-5, 6-1. But squeezed out against Miss Scott and Miss Thomas, winning 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 after many fine close-quarter rallies.

GOLFERS' VISIT

Cable To Singapore Arrives Too Late

In answer to their air mail letter which was received on Monday, a cable was sent the same day to Walter Hagen and Joe Kirkwood in Singapore, inviting them to stay over in Hongkong and give exhibitions at Fanling on April 9 and 10.

Unfortunately, they had sailed the same day on board the m.v. Victoria for Manila, and another cable has now been sent to Manila asking for an immediate cable reply.

If negotiations are successful, the charge for admission each day of the exhibitions will be \$3 and arrangements for lunch at Fanling could also be made.

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HOCKEY MATCH DRAWN

Final Of Small Units Tourney

Despite extra time, the final of the Army Small Units Hockey Tournament played between the 3rd Medium Battery, H.K.S.R.A., and the Headquarters Wing, Middlesex Regiment, at Sookunpoo yesterday, resulted in a draw of a goal each.

Middlesex had more of the play, especially during the second half. Their team appeared to be more compact, while the defence was excellent. Groun in goal had little to do, but handled all that came his way efficiently.

The Artillery team was slow, and the ball sent to a position seldom found a player there ready to receive it. The defence was safe, but the forward line failed to make much impression on the opposing side. Malong Khan, on the left wing, was very weak, and missed several passes that came his way.

Play was fairly during the initial half, and the Artillery gained the first point when Lt. Godby scored. In the second stanza, the Middlesex applied pressure to the Artillery goal, and midway through it, equalised through Bright, the centre-forward. Full-time came with the score still even and extra time was called, but neither side could penetrate the opposing defence.

Teams: 3rd Medium Battery.—All Dad; Mund Din and Yusuf Khan; Abdul Rahman, Saka Khan and Jang Ali; Allah Ditta, Lt. Godby, Khuda Bux, Rajah Khan and Malong Khan. Headquarters Wing.—Groun; Stickle, Grogan; Ure, German and Abell; Watson, Hymas, Bright, Chattey and Jackson.

CHAMPIONS WIN

Minneapolis, April 4.
Barney Ross, 142 lbs. welterweight champion of the world, beat Henry Schaff, 140½ lbs., on a technical knock-out in the fourth round of a ten-round contest to-day. Philadelphian, John Henry Lewis, 183 lbs., light-heavyweight champion of the world, gained a points decision over Braddock's protégé, Bob Tow, 202 lbs., after a ten-round bout to-day.—United Press.

BILLY CONN SUCCEEDS

Pittsburgh, Apr. 5.
Making his debut as a light-heavyweight, Billy Conn, 107½ lbs., of Pittsburgh, gained an impressive decision over the Italian, Dominic Ceccarelli, 170½ lbs., in a 10-round bout.—United Press.

CHARITY SOCCER

Team To Represent England Against China

In their International Charity Cup match against China on Sunday next, England will be represented by the following: Hartley (Middlesex); Watson (Middlesex); Strange (Club); Freshwater (Middlesex); Bright (Middlesex); Wilkinson (Middlesex); Grogan (Middlesex); Howlett (Police); Calvert (R.A.); Saw (Middlesex); Bickford (Club).

Reserves: Sheehan (Middlesex); Farrow (Club); Fisher, Cooke (R.A.C.C.); Courtney (Middlesex); and Fowler (Club).

The match will be played at Caroline Hill, kick-off at 4 p.m.

HONGKONG RACING

Latest Changes Made In Classification Lists

The following alterations and additions have been made to the Hongkong Jockey Club's classification lists, dated March 18:

Australian Ponies.—Lucky Lad to "B" Class; Stratherrick to "C" Class.

China Ponies.—Boat Bay to "B" Class; Kine's Justice and Sunlight View to "C" Class; King's Parade to "D" Class; and National Guard to "E" Class.

Cricket

EIGHT-BALL OVER IS WELCOMED

Opinions On The New County Rules

London, Feb. 21.

THERE has been a general welcome for the trial of the eight-ball over in 1939, and the new method of scoring in the County Championship which is to take effect this summer. These innovations were recommended by the Advisory County Cricket Committee which met at Lord's recently to discuss the Findlay Commission report.

The view-point of those who pay to watch cricket is well expressed by Hendren, the former Middlesex and England player. He says of the eight-ball over:

"It saves time, and that is what the public want. They want their moneys-worth."

Other opinions are:

R. W. V. Robins (Middlesex captain):

"The people mainly concerned will be the fast bowlers. I do not consider it will make the slightest difference to the slow-medium or slow bowlers. On the Australia tour I did not think our fast bowler felt any extra strain, but hours were shorter. One good thing about the new scoring is that the side which has won first-innings points will probably go 'slap out' for the extra eight points. They keep their four points for the lead, even if beaten."

E. R. T. Holmes (Surrey captain): "I am in favour of the eight-ball over. It is impossible for anyone to say whether it will be a success here, but it is very well worth trying. The altered scoring will make teams go out for a win."

M. S. Nichols (Essex and England fast bowler):

"The eight-ball over should not prove a strain to fast bowlers, provided they are properly supported. If you have a batsman tied up the extra balls might serve to beat him. From a batsman's angle, the additional deliveries would help him, when he was seeing the ball, to score a few more runs each over."

LARWOOD AND VOCE AGAINST

Nottinghamshire were against the eight-ball over. At their own annual meeting recently it was disclosed that Larwood and Voce, their fast bowlers, had both written opposing the proposal.

Had the new scheme of scoring points in the County Championship been in operation last season, the top six counties would have finished thus:

County	Pts.	Avgs.	Runs	Wickets
Yorkshire	232	8.28	1,028	640
Middlesex	196	8.16	888	622
Derbyshire	189	6.92	888	600

RIFLE SHOOTING

"Bisley" Competition To Commence On Friday

The Third Annual Prize Meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association commences on Friday, April 8, and will be held on the Kowloon ranges, by kind permission of the Army Authorities, throughout Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Though the meeting commences on Friday, the "Bisley" competition proper begins on Saturday. The Services Championship will be shot for on Friday.

Despite the absence of the greater part of the Fleet and the 1st Bn. The Buffs Highlanders, the number of entries is well above last year's. For the Services championship, 140 have been received, while 100 members of the Association are to compete for the Governor's prize.

A new feature of the meeting this year is the opportunity afforded for Club Bird shooting, which event will be competed for on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

His Excellency the Governor has intimated his intention of being present during part of the meeting, and has honoured the Association by consenting to present the prizes at the conclusion of events on Monday.

Any information about the meeting can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Major G. F. Murray, telephone 34121, ext. 67, Garrison Adjutant's Office, H.Q. China Command.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 16th and Monday, 18th April, 1938, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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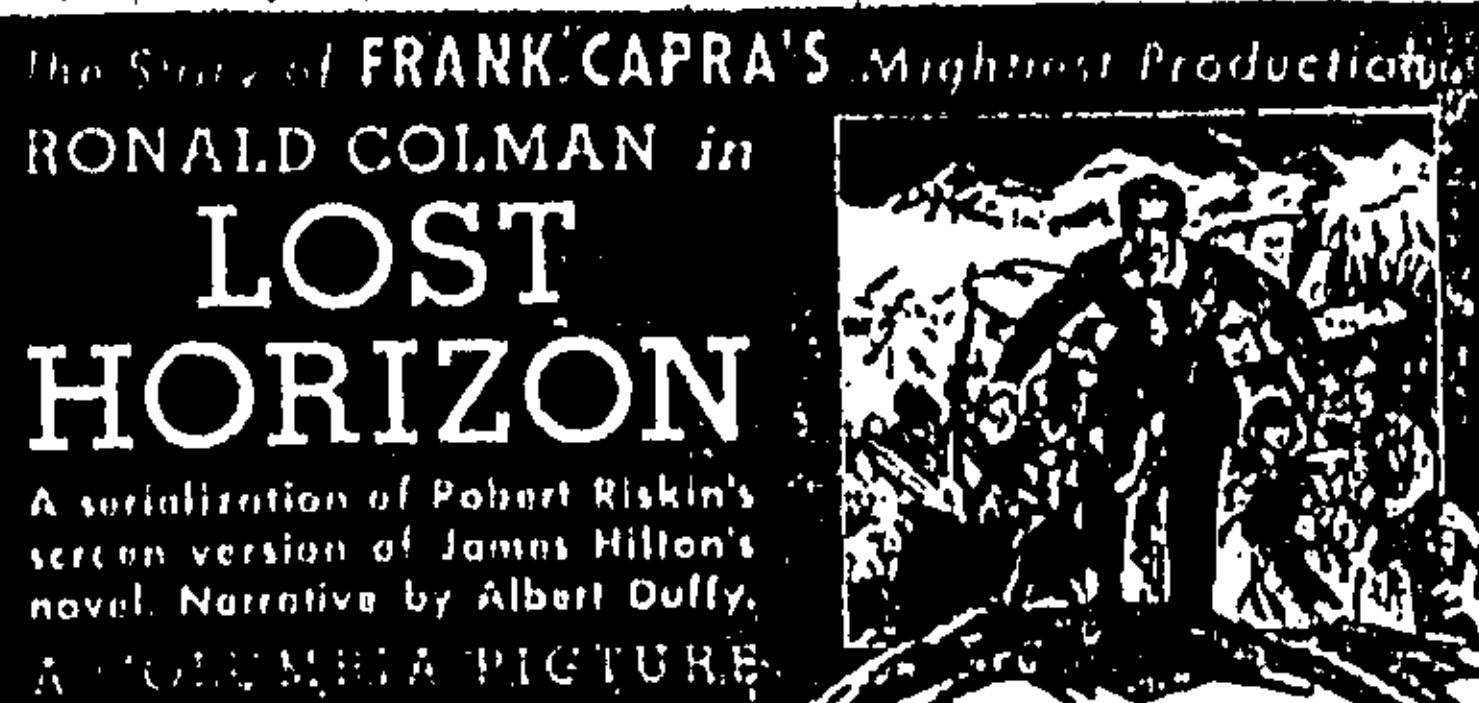
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NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

Chapter Four

The party soon made the descent into the valley and came to a halt at the foot of a wide marble stair-



Conway found himself more and more attracted by the beautiful Sondra Bluet. (Posed by Ronald Colman and Jane Wyatt.)

way leading into the lamazery. The servants will show you to your quarters," Chang said. "I hope you will find them suitable." The party mounted the stairs after the servants, leaving only Conway who was rapidly studying the lamazery building. In an upper window he saw two robed lamas watching him curiously. Farther over, on a narrow terrace half hidden by a floral arbor, his eyes were attracted by the sight of a girl—a girl whose beautiful oval face was framed in a halo of rich brown hair. She was standing quietly, looking down at Conway intently. After dinner that night it was Lovett who first broached the subject of their last discovery. "I regret that I cannot help you," said Chang. "Unfortunately, we have no wireless here. In fact, we have no means of contact with the outside world." "In that event," said Lovett, "hadn't we better make arrangements for porters to take us back to civilisation?" "Are you so certain?" Chang asked quietly, "that you're away from here?" Lovett mumbled a confused apology. "We'll pay your natives anything within reason," he offered. "That's all we can do," said Conway. "We have no porters here. The men you saw this morning are our own people and they never venture beyond the point where you met them. It is much too hazardous. However, there is a tribe of porters some five hundred miles from here. They are our only contact with the outside world and in that respect you are indeed fortunate for we are expecting a shipment from them almost any time."

Chang acted as Conway's guide on his inspection of Shangri-la the next morning. Conway said: "You—that mysterious pilot—are all tied up in a well-worked-out plan to kidnap us and bring us here against our will. Am I right?"

"Your Western mind is given to flight of fancy," Chang replied. "Shall we go in?" I should like to show you some of our rare treasures," Conway followed him into a huge library whose walls were lined with books. "Two hundred and fifty thousand volumes—and more," Chang announced proudly. "You keep yourself well informed here," he commented. "Oh yes," said Chang. "Are you interested in comparative religion?" "Only casually. Incidentally, what religion do you follow here?" "We follow many," Chang explained. "We do not hold that any particular religion is completely false. To put it simply, we should say that the general belief is in moderation. We preach the virtue of avoiding excesses of all kinds—even including excesses of virtue—even including excesses of moderation. In the valley," Chang continued, "we rule with moderate strictness—and in return we are satisfied with moderate obedience. As a result, our people are moderately sober, moderately chaste and moderately honest." "Aren't there any disputes about women?" "Only rarely. You see, it is not considered good manners to take a woman that another man wants." "Suppose," Conway persisted, "somebody wanted her so badly he didn't give a hang about good manners?" "In that event," Chang smiled, "it would be good manners on the part of the other man to let him have her. You'd be surprised, Conway, how a little courtesy at around the belt smooths out the most complicated problems." Conway's attention during the latter part of Chang's explanation had wandered to the adjoining music room where he could see and hear his mysterious girl of yesterday playing a violin to the accompaniment of a white-haired old man. "At some time in the future," Chang said, "you'll have the pleasure of meeting her." Conway took one last look at her and then turned to follow Chang. "Some man," he said, "had better get ready to be very courteous to me."

A strange peace settled over the little group at Shangri-la in the ensuing weeks. The racking cough that had hounded Gloria Stone left her and she resumed to bloom again in this peaceful environment. She

Why Not a Rock Garden?

How to make one is here explained

by RICHARD SUDELL

SOME day I shall make a geographical rock garden. In one part of it I shall "buy British" only, and every plant allowed there will be of the species and varieties that are British by birth. It was a collection of photographs and dried specimens of rock plants from the Andes that reminded me once again of this old resolution of mine.

They came from a continent quite isolated from Europe. And so, though the plants were of the same families and were doubtless related closely in pre-historic times, they were of different species from those that grow in this continent.

Cousins

AT the same time these different rock plants are just as closely related to some of the plants of the herbaceous border, and to some of the shrubs and climbers.

Every plant family has had, during the ages, to struggle for existence in various climates and altitudes. And wherever high, mountainous conditions have fallen to their lot, species have evolved that are specially suited to alpine regions.

All these differences and relationships make the classification of rock plants a little bewildering.

All the same, some sort of classification makes a planting scheme very much more interesting to the owner, and I suggest this method of grouping according to the country of origin as being a very attractive and practical one.

It allows for the use of suitable soil with a minimum of trouble, since plants from one district usually require similar soil.

Formation

WHEN you build a rock garden, the first and most important question is that of situation.

There are three points that I regard as essentials—a place in the sun, a place away from the drip of trees, and a place where a real picture can be made, not just a mound of soil peppered with rocks and looking just "pretty".

Rock plants are used to the open, sunny slopes of the hillside, and hate to be cramped and shut in.

So that if you can only spare a corner that is under an old tree, don't make a rock garden, but make a rock bank for ferns, violets, lilies of the valley and Solomon's seal.

Whatever style of rock garden you attempt, whether it is a rocky hillside, ravine, alpine meadow, or dry morning (i.e., the heap of stones left at the foot of a glacier, damp and gritty underfoot, and stony on the surface), let it imitate as nearly as possible the natural scenery.

If you live near London, and if you can stand a peep at the ideal without losing faith in your own work, go to Kew and collect a few ideas.

The original Kew Rock Garden was built in a ravine, a sort of miniature Cheddar Gorge. Later they have introduced a stratified sandstone formation. My own feeling is that this rather spoils the original simplicity, but it certainly adds variety.

Work Upwards

THE commonest and easiest way to build a rock garden is to make a sloping hillside and create the impression of a natural outcrop of rocks.

Begin by acting some large stones at the lower part, and work from them upwards.

The stones should tilt in to the bank, so that the rains run into the pockets



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of soil. These soil pockets are really soil beds supported by the protruding rocks. They need rough material below to make good drainage, and a surface layer of several inches of fine gritty soil.

Wherever two pieces of rock are set close together, similar fine soil should be packed as tightly as possible into the crevices. Loosely built rockeries are draughty homes for the plants.

I once extracted a root of rock pink, and behind a surface tuft three inches in diameter was a three-foot length of root, going far back into the cracks of the rock.

If such a root finds merely empty air spaces, the plant naturally gets cold feet!

Apart from these practical details, use your rocks as decoratively as possible. If you are lucky enough to have weathered limestone, keep the weathered surface exposed, so that your finished picture really looks like a bit of natural outcrop.

How Nature Plants

SINCE you are out to imitate Nature, plant as she does, that is, in groups.

Seeds do not often fall in isolated ones, but in small groups, and the natural rock gardens have their plants scattered in irregular clusters.

Often a group of plants will nestle against a large rock, as if the seed had been caught and carried there by the wind.

So, for instance, five plants of violet grow in one place, and a few early snowdrops close enough to them to ensure a double season of flower from one pocket, or a group of autumn crocus planted among primula julia, will give a good imitation of the natural rock garden, while showing the touch of the canny gardener.

An enormous number of rock plants can be set out at any season, since they are grown in nurseries as pot plants and can be transplanted without root disturbance.

Some good, showy plants that would provide carpets of colour—most of them to be discovered about this time



In the cheap markets and stores, as well as in local nurseries—are these:—
Dwarf columbines, such as aquilegia atrata.
Aubrietia "Dr. Mules."
Campanula carpatica.
Dianthus alpinus.
Gentiana acutis.
Hypericum reptans.
Iris reticulata.
Saxifraga aizoon (and other species).
Sedum acre.
Silene schaffa.
Thymus serpyllum.
Viola cornuta.

Water Charm

IF you can introduce water to the rock garden, you probably do not need any encouragement from me. To watch a tiny stream cascading from pool to pool or tumbling noisily over rough stones to a quiet pool at the lower end of the rock garden is a joy in itself.

To add waterlilies and aquatics, and such lovely waterside plants as the muskas and the "molly-blobs" to the ordinary rockery plants is no less a source of increased pleasure and delight.

Plants that I should use now to stock the marshy sides of an informal water garden are:—
Iris Kaempferi.
Marsh Marigolds or Molly-blobs (Caltha palustris).
Primula bulleyana.
Musk (Mimulus).
Asilbes.
Cypripedium calceolus (or some other member of the orchid family).

As They Fade...

WINTER and early spring bloomers can generally be pruned (if at all immediately the flowers fade. Slow growers, like Daphne, need no pruning. Winter jasmine you can treat with discretion.

If you want it to cover a tall pillar, don't cut all the stems hard back, but begin by taking out entirely the weakest growths.

Leave the strong ones full length, or just trim away the tips where the flowers were.

If the stems are already too long for the support, cut all the ties, and twist the growths spirally round and round the pillar as you re-tie them: you will get a brave mass of colour next season from jasmine so treated.

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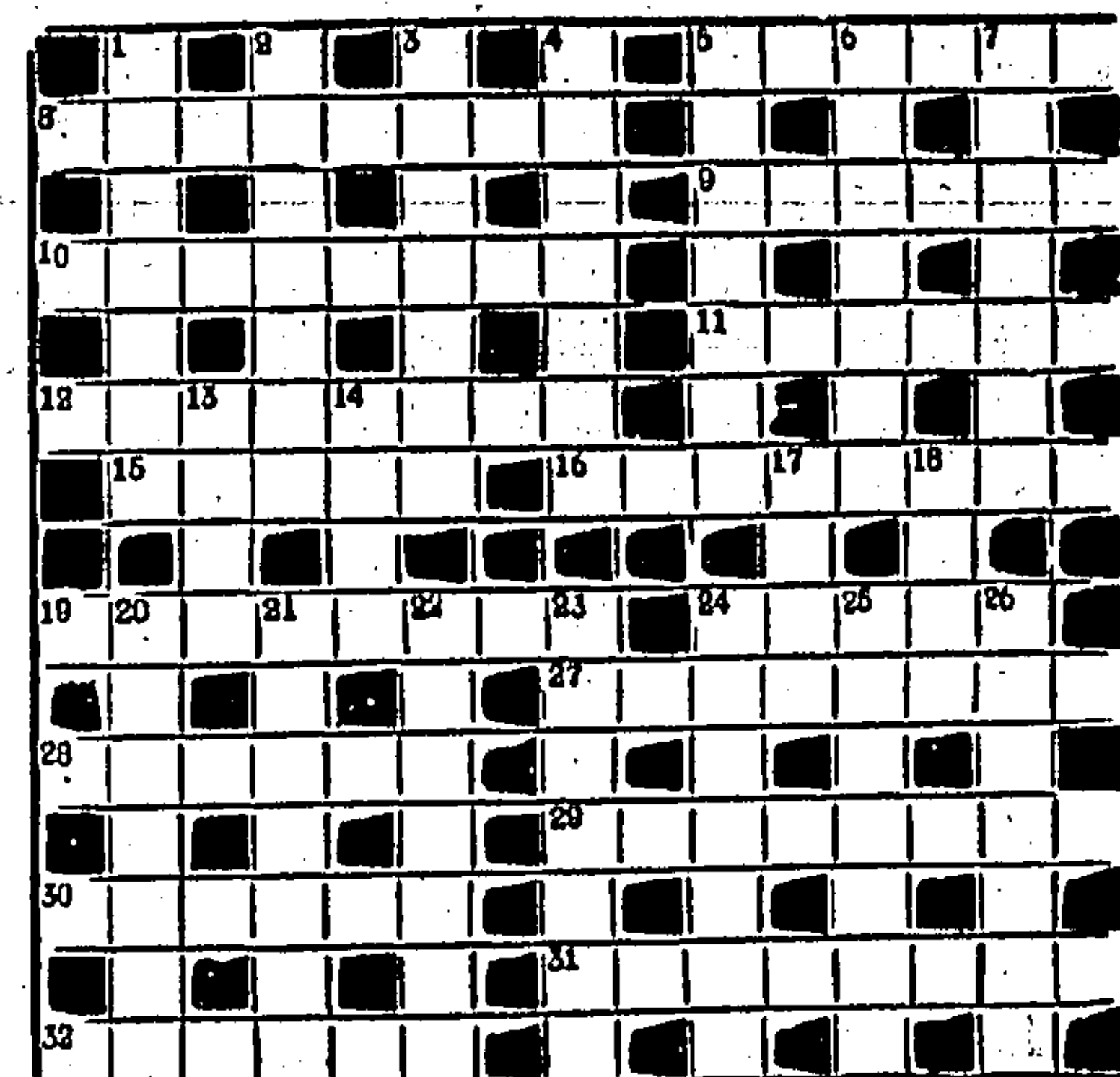
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- 10 For a lock this is a strong place (6).
- 11 A rum so changed (6).
- 12 A man in it may be made to keep (8).
- 15 Not an unpendable form of alloy (5).
- 16 This might, by chance, give the right answer (8).
- 19 The ingrate does not feel this (6).
- 24 This may cover no more than a foot in France (5).
- 27 A copy would not have such spirit in it (8).
- 28 The head of this river reverses it, and is the tail (6).
- 29 The necessity for this used, paradoxically, to be a standing grievance with domestics (8).
- 30 To either side of one of the family is something to eat (6).
- 31 Kept in check by a fluke (8).
- 32 Where the sailor left his girl (6).

DOWN

- 1 A shifty business that creates new situations (7).
- 2 It is small in the end, yet none escape it (7).
- 3 This egress is merely a side issue (7).
- 4 This is annoying, but beheading results in giving relief (7).
- 5 One always admires this quality even if our portion is in captivity (7).
- 6 Treadle in more this than water (7).

7 Good advice to the amateur who wants to sing it (7).

- 13 This comes into the Riot Act (4).
- 14 This may flow from the mouth of the Don (4).
- 17 This is a kind of bird (4).
- 18 And this is a kind of dog (4).
- 20 No more than three pronouns is atrocious (7).
- 21 Recount but finally scold (7).
- 22 In low-lying country part of a roadstool makes a nice decoration (7).
- 23 An illness that is thought to impede 14 down (7).
- 24 There is always a sound reason for this being broken (7).
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The great 2,000-mile road from London to Istanbul is nearing completion. Several countries along the route are putting finishing touches to improvement plans which make the highway a perfect road.

From London the road goes via Maidstone and Folkestone to Dover. Stretches past Maldstone are being improved.

Mr. A. Mertz, London manager of Belgian Railways and Marine, told a Press representative of the plans which Belgium, as the Continental beginning and end of the highway, has decided on.

EMPIRE NEWS

ITALIAN SETTLERS IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney. Protests by the Returned Soldiers League in districts favoured by South European settlers are increasing. Several insist that no aliens should be admitted as long as the net loss of people of British stock continues.

It was revealed at the North Queensland Conference that Italians now own 40 per cent. of the sugarcane farms, compared with 3 per cent. in 1920. It is pointed out that the industry was established and specially protected primarily as a defence measure.

State Elections.—State election campaigns are proceeding simultaneously in Queensland and New South Wales. An extraordinary situation has arisen in New South Wales, where Mr. Lang, the former Socialist Premier, has been definitely ousted from the Socialist daily newspaper. His fellow Socialists are opposed to his dictatorship.

South Africa

MEMORIAL TO MEN OF BIRKENHEAD

Cape Town. At Danger Point, a lonely headland 115 miles from Cape Town, Vice-Adm. Sir Francis Tottenham, Commander-in-Chief Africa Station, yesterday unveiled a bronze plaque to the men of the troopship Birkenhead, which sank within sight of the Point on February 2, 1915, with the loss of 454 lives. The memorial has been erected by the Navy League of South Africa as a tribute to those men who by their behaviour on that occasion "gave the English-speaking world one of the finest British military maritime traditions."

Butter Exports.—The Dairy Control Board intends to export 2,000,000 pounds of butter before March 12. Export has become necessary as a result of a remarkable increase of production in the last few weeks. Stocks have been accumulating at the rate of 750,000 pounds weekly. Most of the butter exported will go to London.

New Zealand

ROMAN CATHOLIC CENTENARY

Auckland. Huge crowds greeted the Apostolic delegate, Archbishop Panico, and a big delegation from overseas at the opening of the centenary celebrations of the Roman Catholic Church in New Zealand. Aeroplanes flew overhead.

Canada

BABY RACE CLAIMS IN SUPREME COURT

Toronto. In the Supreme Court to-morrow Mr. Justice Middleton will attempt to unravel the conflicting claims of the aspirants to the "baby race" fortune.

Four mothers appear certain to share in the fortune. They are Mrs. John Nagle, Mrs. Alfred Smith, Mrs. Arthur Tinsick, and Mrs. John Mulcan. Each gave birth to nine children during the 10 years following the death of Charles Vance Miller, the eccentric bachelor, whose will started the Marathon.

India

BIHAR MINISTRY BACK IN OFFICE

Bombay. The Bihar Congress Ministry have withdrawn their resignation, submitted last week following differences with the Governor, Sir James Sifton, over the release of political prisoners.

The Congress Ministry in the United Provinces, which resigned at the same time on the same issue, decided to resume office on Friday.

The Governor of Bihar, and the Premier, Mr. Krishna Sinha, have issued a joint statement announcing the withdrawal of the Ministry's resignation. The statement follows the lines of that issued on Friday by Sir Harry Haig, the Governor, and Pandit Pant, the Premier regarding the settlement of the crisis in the United Provinces.—Reuter.

"All-India" Post.—The Empire flyingboats, Coolangatta and Centurion, carry over a ton of mail, the first consignment of the new "all-India" post from Great Britain to India, alighted at the marine airport at Kumbhalgarh. The machines brought two passengers.—Reuter.

SECRET CABINET PRESIDENT



Baron Constantin von Neurath, former German Foreign Minister, who is president of Chancellor Hitler's new "secret cabinet council," following the recent bloodless Nazi purge. He is expected to have much to say in the future policies of the Nazi party, to be announced by Der Fuehrer soon.

CHINESE RISING IN NORTH

Guerillas Strike At Chefoo

Cities Flying Old Flags

Shanghai, Apr. 6. Chefoo, which has been in Japanese hands for many months, was the scene of a miniature battle yesterday, it is learned from an unimpeachable source.

Chinese guerrilla troops apparently trickled into the outskirts of the town during the night, and at dawn opened fire on the Japanese. Succeeding in calling out a moderately sized Japanese force, the guerrillas retreated outside of the town, with the Japanese following straight into a neatly laid ambush.

At least two truck-loads of dead bodies were seen to return to the city. The sound of fighting continued until nightfall, when the Chinese escaped to the hills, apparently undetected.

Travelers returning to Chefoo from a tour of Shantung, said it is further learned that, following the calling-up of virtually all Japanese garrisons in the province for an attack on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, the Chinese nationalist flag is now flying in three quarters of the larger cities throughout the north-east of the province.—Reuter.

SINKIANG UPRISING REPORTED

Japanese Sources Claim Holy War In Progress

Tokyo, Apr. 6. According to Domei's correspondent at Suiyuan, messages from Kashgar report that the Mohammedans in western Sinkiang have proclaimed a holy war against Soviet influence, and at present the Mohammedan leader, Ma Chung-ying, assisted by the Sinkiang native military, Orato Bashir, is leading 8,000 troops, most of whom are mounted, towards the city of Asku, sweeping everything before them.

Already they have expelled Chinese officials from many posts in the area. However, reports on the uprising are meagre.—United Press.

Refuse To Aid T.V.A. Inquiry

Washington, Apr. 5. Mr. John N. Garner, Vice-President of the United States, has appointed Senators Fred Brown, Victor Donahue, Harry Schwartz, Charles McNary and William Borah to participate in a joint investigation of the Tennessee Valley Administration, an investigation demanded by President F. D. Roosevelt.

Mr. William Bankhead, Speaker of the House, has appointed Representatives James M. Hendon, William J. Driver, Chester Thompson, Thomas A. Jenkins and Charles A. Wolcott.

Senators Borah and McNary have declined to serve. Senator Borah said: "I do not believe in investigations by a town meeting. I have never seen any good come from joint investigations."—United Press.

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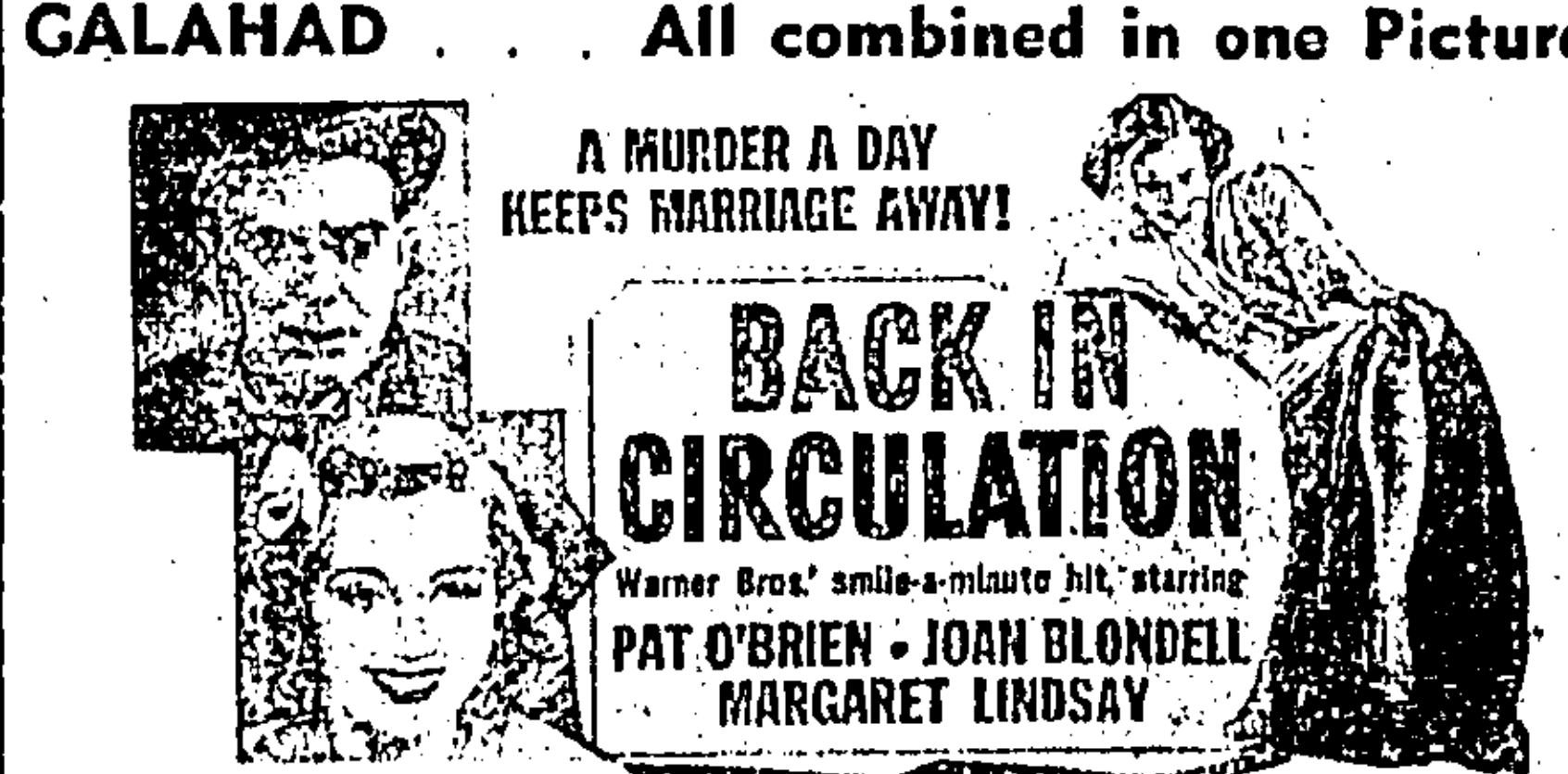
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London, Apr. 5. Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, had further talks to-day on the acceleration of the armaments programme, when he met the Engineering and Allied Employers' National Federation.

Speaking later at the Constitutional Club, Sir Thomas said the recent conversations with the unions had been frank and friendly, and he was sufficiently optimistic to believe that goodwill and co-operation would triumph over all difficulties.

The Engineering and Allied Employers' National Federation had promised full co-operation in the Government's plans for speeding up the armaments programme.—Reuter.

Five Killed In R.A.F. Crash

London, Apr. 5. Five persons were killed yesterday when a bombing plane of the Royal Air Force crashed at Tishorpe, near Driffield, an isolated spot of farmland, after a night flight.—Reuter.

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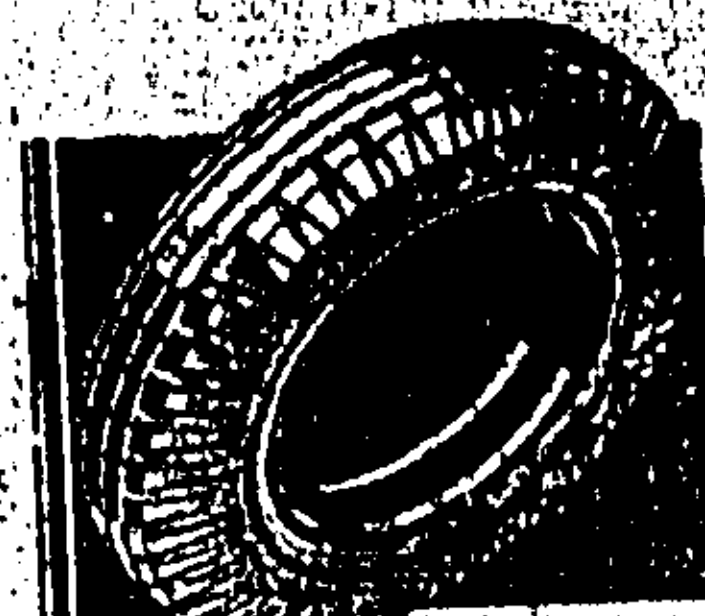
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Peiping, Apr. 6.

Severe casualties were inflicted on Japanese naval forces during fighting outside of Chefoo on April 2 and 3, by Chinese guerilla troops. Two truckloads of Japanese wounded and killed returned to Chefoo.

The guerilla forces returned to Chefoo on April 2, entered the western section of the town and engaged the Japanese garrison, the fighting still being in progress in the afternoon. Japanese warships hurriedly landed men in the morning, and Japanese aircraft also engaged in the fight.

Three members of the Nanking Reformed Government, who arrived at Peiping secretly in Japanese planes from Shanghai to-day, are discussing with Mr. Wang Keh-ming and other leaders of the Provisional Government a formula for the eventual merging of the present Peiping and Nanking governments.

The Nanking Government's delegates include Liang Hung-chih, leader of the Nanking Government.—Reuter.

Japanese Landing Repulsed

Chengyangkwan, April 6.

A Japanese attempt to land troops at Holsien on the Yangtse River in Anhwei was frustrated by the Chinese defenders on April 4, according to a belated report.

Under a protective barrage from four Japanese warships anchored in the Yangtse River, and escorted by five bombing planes, Japanese marines in 20 motorboats attempted to approach the bank but were repulsed with heavy losses by the Chinese machine-gunners.

Two more Japanese warships later arrived off Holsien and assisted the attack, but without avail.—Central News.

Hired Irregulars Surrender

Hsuehchow, Apr. 6.

A unit of Japanese-employed irregulars, under the command of Chang Jui-kai, operating in south-east Shantung, has surrendered to the Chinese.

The unit, comprising 18 officers and 1,335 soldiers, has now arrived at Hsuehchow, the eastern terminus of the railway.—(Continued on Page 4.)

STOP PRESS

JAPANESE RETAKE SINKIAO

Tungku, Chekiang, Apr. 6.
Reinforced by 2,000 troops from Hangchow equipped with 18 field pieces and a number of tanks, the Japanese, struck 20 miles south-west of Hangchow yesterday morning and captured Sinkiao.

Yesterday's fighting at Sinkiao was said to be the bitterest on the Hangchow front since last December.—Central News.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

LOYALISTS MAKING DESPERATE EFFORTS

Hope To Turn Tide Against Franco

Barcelona Threats

Madrid, Apr. 5.

Strenuous efforts are being made to create a strong barrier against the insurgent offensive, and to turn the tide of the war.

The Socialist Trade Unions, numbering 2,000,000 members, have been asked to urge their associates belonging to the 1921 to 1923 classes, which have not yet been called to arms by the Government, to join the army.

The Trade Unions are enjoining their members to increase production in the war factories, and are taking steps to replace men workers by women.

The United Socialist Youth is campaigning for the recruitment of 100,000 volunteers.

A new Loyalist offensive in Andalusia is revealed. A communiqué says that a successful Government offensive is proceeding in the direction of Haza de la Sierra Higuera and Calatrava, and fighting is intense, with much war material captured.—Reuter.

Hold On Catalonia Tightens

Hendaye, Apr. 5.

General Franco's forces have tightened their slow strangulation hold on Catalonia, crippling the main source of power along the Ebro River, and threatening to blast Barcelona unless the town unconditionally surrenders.

A Salamanca broadcast to-day declared: "The war is won." However, Barcelona's new Government has rejected a discussion of surrender, and has converted the Government buildings into virtual fortresses.

It is reported that General Azana, wife of the President is going south to Tarragona.

An Amsterdam mission of jewelry experts has arrived in Barcelona and has started examining the Loyalist treasure.—(Continued on Page 4.)



SMALLPOX WARNING

1,375 men, women and children have died of smallpox during January, February and March. Many others have been blinded and scarred.

Vaccination would have saved them. Go to the hospitals or dispensaries or St. John Ambulance Vaccination centres to-day. Take your children. To-morrow may be too late.

Seven out of every ten deaths are of children.

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REVEALS BRITISH FEAR OF NAVY RACE

Washington, Apr. 5.

Senator Walsh to-day disclosed that Admiral William Leahy told the Senate Naval Affairs Committee at its closed meeting that Britain fears a combination of other European powers as an important factor in starting a naval race.

However, he assured the committee that those combinations would not affect the United States.

He said that an additional factor of a naval race was the absence of information on the Japanese plans in response to a question whether the western hemisphere would be self-contained in war time, Admiral Leahy said the United States would have to keep open a life line to the East Indies for strategic materials.—United Press.

Difficult To Subsidise U.S. Railways

Washington, Apr. 5.

President Franklin Roosevelt told the press to-day that the Government cannot subsidise the railways without opening the door in a similar way to the steel, automobile and textile industries.

He said he was sending a message to Congress, probably within a week regarding the railways. It is not revealed whether he will promise a long-term or a short-term remedy.—United Press.

SULTAN VISITS FLEET

London, Apr. 5.

The Sultan of Muscat and Oman, now visiting Britain as a guest of His Majesty's Government, went to Portsmouth to-day to see the Home Fleet. The inspection included trips to a submarine, and one of the latest naval motor torpedo boats.

This illustration gives some idea of the difficulties of army transport in Shanxi. Man-power aids the big army trucks in the rough, steep mountain roads, which are being constantly attacked by Chinese guerillas. The Chinese claim that the Japanese communications, especially in the Taiherchwang area, have been completely disrupted.

HONGKONG HOTELS SHOW RECORD YEAR'S PROFIT

A record year in Hongkong earned without recourse to profiteering but due largely to the hostilities in China, was reported by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo presiding this morning at the ordinary yearly meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

The Astor House in Shanghai was at present occupied by the Japanese Y.M.C.A. and had not suffered material damage while repairs had been made of the extensive bombing damage to the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, which would soon enable the building to be run at full revenue-producing capacity.

Claims for damage to Shanghai property would be presented when the final assessment was made.

There were present: the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo (Chairman), Mr. L. Kadoorie, Mr. J. H. Taggart (Directors), Messrs. P. H. Sueding (General Manager), F. C. Barry (Secretary), C. A. L. Rickett, M. H. Lo, V. C. Abram, H. Glittins, S. H. Ross, E. O. Murphy, T. R. Parsons, Lo Chung-wan, A. M. d'Eca, J. P. Sherry and Li Tse-tong (Shareholders).

The Chairman said: I am happy to state that the improved earnings for the first quarter of the year 1937 referred to by my colleagues in the course of his speech from the chair at the last annual meeting of the Company, continued throughout the year to a record degree in so far as the activities of your undertaking in Hongkong are concerned. But the should like to emphasise that the Company never took undue advantage of the situation by adopting "profiteering" methods and that the increased earnings were due to increased turnover, and not to excessive charges.

INCREASED POPULATION

The tourist patronage which we had anticipated, fully materialised during the first seven months of 1937 and the exceptional augmentation of the population of the Colony during the last five months of the accounting period under review had the effect of taxing to the utmost the accommodation facilities at our hotels here. The increase in the local population was also a contributory cause to the additional revenue of our various local restaurants and cafes.

Unfortunately the Company's operations in Shanghai during the year cannot be reviewed with equal satisfaction. The outbreak of the Sino-Japanese conflict in August last necessitated evacuation of the Astor House Hotel, resulting in the complete cessation of earnings for the remainder of the year. Since the commencement of hostilities the hotel has been in operation but the Japanese authorities have not permitted the Company to resume its normal operations and to receive the full benefit of the Chinese Government at Shanghai.

Brother Of Cinema Star Sentenced

Hollywood, Apr. 5.

The Court to-day sentenced Leopold McGallen, brother of Victor McGallen, the cinema actor, to from one to five years for extortion.

McGallen has been granted probation providing he remains in England for five years.—United Press.

Parcel Post By Air Too Heavy

No Facilities To Cope With Demand For Space Here

Because of the large increase in the number of parcels being carried by air from Hongkong to Hankow, there is now a delay of almost a week before space is available on one of the planes of the Eurasia Aviation Corporation.

An official of the company revealed this morning that within the last few weeks the weekly total of parcels to be sent to Hankow had risen by almost 5,000 kilos.

Sometimes the delay in sending a parcel is only three days but senders may have to wait a week before accommodation is available, he said.

The Eurasia parcel flights are scheduled to be transferred to buses from Shanghai to Hongkong and to the Chinese Government at Hankow.

Many China Merchant Steamers Sold Abroad

GOVERNMENT FLEET TAKEN BY SYNDICATE

Large American Funds Behind China Merchants Navigation Co. Deal

What is believed to be one of the greatest financial deals in recent Chinese history has been successfully accomplished by an American syndicate headed by Mr. W. P. Hunt, an American financier now resident in Shanghai, it is learned on good authority.

As a result of the deal, the syndicate has purchased from the Chinese Government the whole of its holdings in the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, comprising a fleet of over 40 steamers, and wharves and godowns in Shanghai, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Chinkiang, Wenchow, Changshai, Hankow, Nanking, Tientsin and Tsingtao, as well as certain unspecified factories believed to be cotton mills in which the Chinese Government is interested.

U.S. Consul Asks Probe Of Censorship

Shanghai, Apr. 6.

The American Consul-General, Mr. John Gauss, has made representations to the Japanese authorities, requesting an investigation regarding the alleged banning of the Shanghai Evening Post from the mails by the Japanese censors.

Mr. Gauss had previously taken the position that the United States did not recognize the Japanese right to censorship and interference with legitimate American interests.—Reuter.

BID FOR MEXICAN OILFIELDS

British Financier Makes Offer

Mexico City, Apr. 5.

Mr. F. W. Rickett, a mysterious British financier, came here; it is understood, for the purpose of closing an oil deal involving the major portion of Mexico's production.

The terms of the deal have not been disclosed, but it is stated they involve payment by cash in advance which might well clear up the chaotic exchange situation.

British and American interests are reported to be prospective buyers.

Mr. Rickett is now conferring with the Mexican Finance Minister, Senor Suarez.—Reuter.

OIL EXPROPRIATION TAKES PROGRESS

Washington, Apr. 5.

The Mexican Ambassador, Dr. A. G. Quiroga, has expressed to President R. D. Roosevelt his opposition to the expropriation of oil fields in Mexico. He stated that the expropriation of oil fields in Mexico would be a serious blow to the Mexican economy.

The amount involved is said to run into "many millions of gold dollars." The China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's fleet comprises 48 vessels, only four of which are not included in the sale.

These are the Hai Yuen, Hai Heng, Hai Li and Hai Chen, which were built in Great Britain in 1934 with money advanced by the British Export-Import Fund; which therefore has a lien over the vessels.

Many of the vessels are at present sheltering in Hongkong from the Japanese blockade. Approximately ten have been sunk or captured by the Japanese since the commencement of hostilities.

May Be Complications

The China Merchant S.N. Company wharves and godowns included in the transaction include the Central, Lower and Eastern wharves on the International Settlement Bund in Shanghai.

Many of the wharves and godowns, notably at Nanking, Tientsin, Tientsin and Shanghai are already in Japanese hands, a fact that may complicate future activities.

It is understood that a newly incorporated company will operate all vessels purchased from the China Merchants S.N. Company while a second concern may operate wharves, godowns and factories.

Man Behind Deal

Mr. W. P. Hunt, the man behind the deal, is well-known financier and broker in Shanghai. It is understood that he first came to China in March, 1925, in the U.S. Consular Service, and was appointed Vice Consul at Tientsin in December the same year.

The China Merchants Steam Navigation Company has been operating on the China Coast for over 80 years. According to the latest China Year Book the Company was, in 1935, indebted to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for \$12,000,000 and to the National City Bank of New York for \$1,000,000.

Semi-Official Enterprise

The Company was organized in 1872 as a semi-official enterprise, with the Chinese Government as its sole owner. It was later converted into a public company, but remained under the control of the Chinese Government. The deal to sell the company to an American syndicate is a significant move towards the privatization of the company.

DOWN to the BEACH in These



SEA shore outfits this year are as two-sided as a penny. Once on the beach you can play round in rompers or sun suit as scanty as you please.

But going down to the beach or walking sedately along the promenade you must wear a wrap as long and as ample as your grandmother's dressing gown.

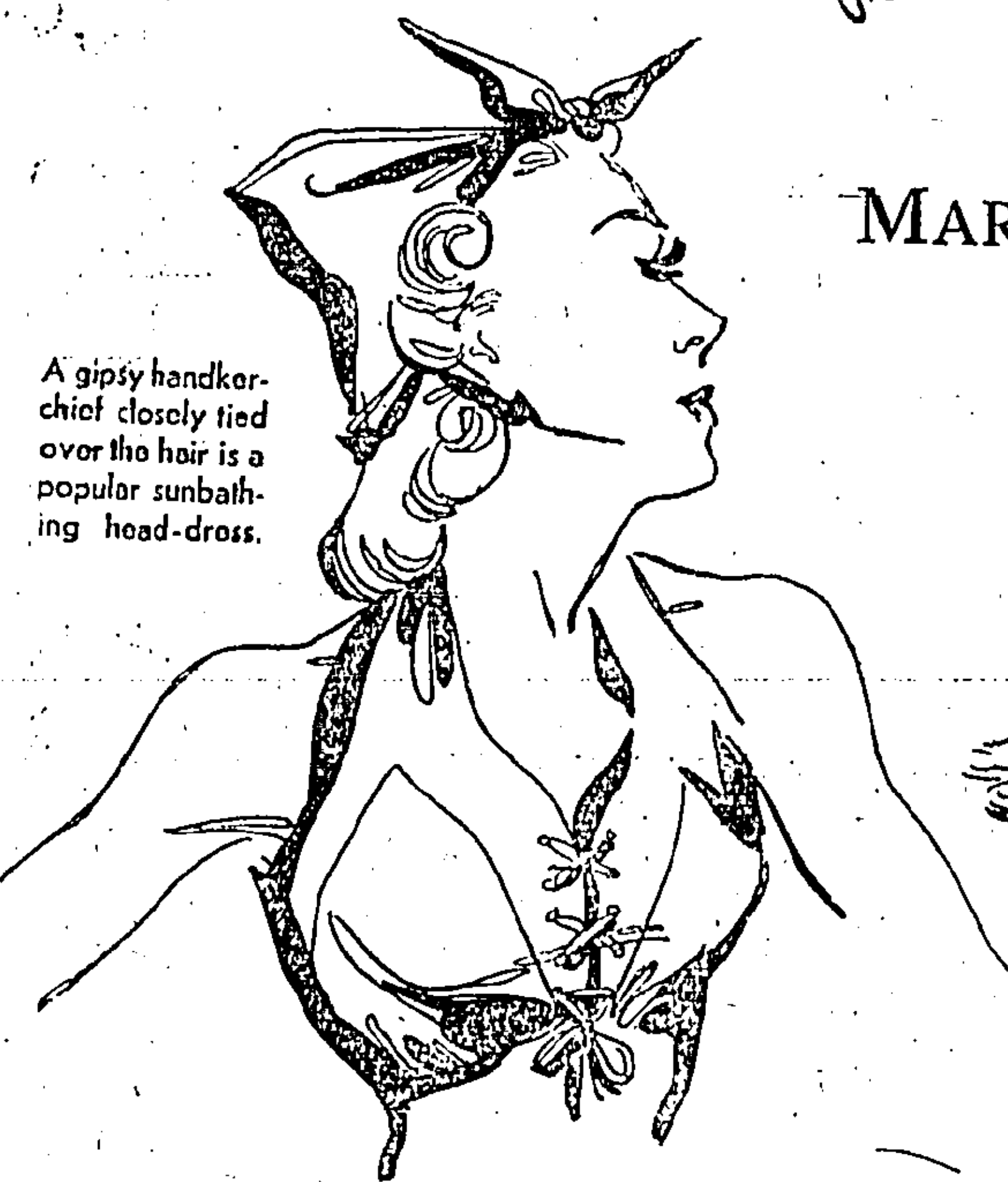
For young girls there are buttoned skirts with cleverly arranged sun-bathing tops—many of the latter are just long brightly coloured scarves, folded cross-over fashion and tied round the waist, or two different shades are made up into a waistcoat shape. We show one of the newest here, a laced halter brassiere. Over this is worn a bolero coat and sometimes beneath the skirt are full-skirted shorts.

★ Sketched is a long beach dress of truly Victorian cut, made in red and white striped cotton with all the edges bound with black. In the bag to match, you can pack your bathing suit and the paraphernalia one takes down to the beach. Next to this outfit is a beach dress of pink linen with turquoise rope straps. The skirt is slit with wide pleats either side.

Below is a typical sun bathing dress in royal blue, insets down each side are of course black net similar to that used for fishing nets. The natural straw hat ties under the chin and on top of crown with black ribbon.

Don't you like, too, the new aviator eye-shades, cut out of oiled silk? This summer it's the fashion on the beach to keep your head covered. Headgear like the easy one sketched is worn, just a kerchief knotted on the forehead or tied under the chin.

by
MARY GRACE



A gipsy handkerchief closely tied over the hair is a popular sunbathing head-dress.



Vivid sunbathing suit in royal blue with panels of coarse fishing net let in at the sides.

COSMETIC CARE

POWDER, rouge, and lipstick must be chosen so that it suits each individual skin. There is no other really satisfactory way to obtain the best results.

A very fine skin needs a very fine powder, whereas a somewhat dry skin should have a foundation of cold cream in place of the usual vanishing cream. Practically all powders now may be had in every conceivable shade. And once you have determined which one is best in your case, keep to it.

Vanishing creams need careful selection — and application — otherwise when the powder is applied, a patchy effect is produced.

Use only a very little vanishing cream, and then smooth it over and allow it to soak in for a few minutes before dusting on the powder.

The proper storing of cosmetics so that they are always in condition and produce the best results is an important point. Creams exposed to the air quickly lose their freshness and efficacy, and the fragrance disappears. Most powders are notorious collectors of dust, while pomades, lotions, sponges, &c., become clogged, and in that state do more harm than good.

Face powders, too, should be kept perfectly dry if the most is to be made of them. If exposed to a steamy atmosphere they are likely to cake and lose their refreshing qualities.

When lack of accommodation for storing one's beauty perquisites is a drawback, cosmetics should be bought in small quantities so that they may be used up fairly quickly—at least before they have time to go wrong. It means buying oftener, of course. But one is always sure of the freshness of new cosmetics, even in very small quantities.

Freshness counts for more than is usually imagined, if good effects are to be achieved.

I. P. H.

Banishing Grease Spots

THE old-fashioned remedy for getting rid of grease spots by using a hot iron over brown paper is a great help occasionally, but there are times when something else is needed. Suppose, for instance, you get grease on your smart brown leather sports shoes—not much help to be hoped for from a hot iron then, is difficult to get grease out of leather, but the very best thing to try is French chalk.

Rub it energetically into the spot, then leave the part for twenty-four hours, well coated with the stuff. At the end of that time brush it all off, and clean the shoes with a good brown polish or cream.

If a polished table becomes greasy so that it cannot be polished nicely, wash it thoroughly with a warm soap flake lather, using a sponge. Dry with equal thoroughness, then polish in the usual way. Do not touch it with the polish until it is perfectly dry.

For grease on a carpet try the brown paper and iron remedy first. Have really absorbent paper; the very thin or shiny kind is not much use. Clean blotting paper absorbs grease well, too. Place a double layer both underneath the spot and on top of it, then press with a very warm iron. As the grease soaks through move the paper to get a clean place over the spot.

A grease splash on wallpaper calls for French chalk, dabbed on thickly, and left for twenty-four hours. Brush off with a scrupulously clean dusting brush, and, if necessary, repeat the chalking.

When grease gets spilt over on a kitchen table (sometimes a jar of hot dripping will get upset, for instance), it is quite a good trick if you can do it quickly enough, to douse it with plenty of cold water. This hardens the fat at once and prevents it soaking into the wood. The set fat is then scraped off, and the table scoured in the usual way. This remedy is good also for fat spilt on an oilcloth-covered floor.

For a grease-spattered stove there is nothing to beat a brisk rubbing with crumpled newspaper, but if the fat is very thick, or has been left for any length of time, it will only come off satisfactorily when the stove is scrubbed with very hot water, with a handful of washing soda dissolved in it.

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Do You Do Your Children's Homework?

By A TUTOR

Working Out the Answers

It is natural that mothers should wish their children to make good progress at school, yet many think that the best way of furthering this wish is to assist them in the actual preparation of homework. No greater mistake could be made.

By all means supervise their homework. See that they do it thoroughly and neatly, yet except in the case of the very young do not let them expect your actual help. If you do so, then their lessons will lose all interest—for there is nothing that forces one to stick to a task better than the mere act of puzzling it out for oneself.

Supervising home lessons, of course, means more than just sitting back comfortably in an armchair and reading a novel. If your child sees you doing this, he will resent the fact that you are enjoying yourself while he himself is working.

No, if you wish your children to be interested in their work, and they will benefit by homework, you must take become more interested in it themselves. Show them that you, too, are interested. Above all, don't ignore the child's spelling lesson with them, hear their poetry or their reading lesson, and whose curiosity has once been questioned them on their history and ignored will never regain an interest in schoolwork.

COUNT THE "TELEGRAPHS" EVERYWHERE

BLUM PLEADING FOR WIDE FISCAL POWER TO PRESERVE NATION

Strong Opposition to Levies On Capital Encountered; Defeat Not Unlikely

Paris, Apr. 5.

A great nation cannot live like a shopkeeper, tossing and turning in his bed at night, wondering how to meet his bills, said M. Leon Blum, French Prime Minister, in a two-hour speech in the Chamber of Deputies in the course of a stormy debate on the new Finance Bill, under which M. Blum plans to raise an additional £61,000,000 a year for re-armament.

M. Blum added that £500,000,000 of frightened money was either hidden at home or sent abroad. "We cannot borrow abroad; we cannot renew our foreign loans; we wish to avoid war; we must live; we must pay; we must endure. Normal sources are insufficient; we must borrow and also take other measures to gather money."

It is expected that a division will not be reached until 3 o'clock tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

Strong Opposition

The Deputies adjourned until to-night. M. Leon Blum urged the abandonment of "pale Liberalism", and denied that he made the Finance Bill deliberately drastic in order to cause the downfall of the Government.

However, many believe that the Chamber will defeat the measure, resulting in the Cabinet's resignation. Deputies attacked foreign exchange control as a disguised form of Government control. They also attacked the capital levy as being confiscatory, and called for a re-valuation of the threat to National defence.

Earlier in the debate, M. Marx Dormoy, and the Rightist, M. Paul Creysel, exchanged violent insults, and nearly came to a fight with fists, which forced M. Edouard Herriot, President of the Chamber, to adjourn the session.—United Press.

MEXICO WON'T SEIZE MINES

New York, April 5.

The chairman of the American Smelting and Refining Corporation, Mr. F. H. Brownell, said to-day that Mexican officials had assured them they do not intend to expropriate foreign mining interests.

On the contrary, Mexico was desirous of the foreign companies continuing to operate.

Mr. Brownell drew attention to the fact that world silver policies had been marked by much unsettlement.—United Press.

SINKIANG UPRISING REPORTED

Japanese Sources Claim Holy War In Progress

Tokyo, Apr. 6. According to Domei's correspondent at Suiyuan, messages from Kashgar report that the Moham-medans in western Sinkiang have proclaimed a holy war against Soviet influence, and at present the Moham-medan leader, Ma Chung-ying, assisted by the Sinkiang native millarist, Orato Bashir, is leading 8,000 troops, most of whom are mounted, towards the city of Asku, sweeping everything before them. Already they have expelled Chinese officials from many posts in the area. However, reports on the uprising are meagre.—United Press.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks
H.K. Banks, \$1,520 n.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.), £87 n.
Chartered Banks, £11½ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £28 n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.
East Asia Bank, \$83 b.

Insurance
Canton Ins., \$275 n.
Union Ins., \$330 b. and sa.
China Underwriters, \$2 b.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$233 n.

Shipping
Douglas, \$66 b. ex. d.
H.K. Steamboats, \$17½ b.
Indo-Chinas (Prof.), \$51 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$24 n.
Shell Bearer, 70/4½ n.
Union Waterboats, \$9½ n.

Docks etc.
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$138 n.
H.K. W. Docks, (see below).
Providents (old), \$3.50/52½ sa.
Providents (new), \$3.32½ b.
New Engineering, Sh. \$3.00 n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$98 n.
Kailan Mining Adm., 14/- n.
Kaibis, \$8.10 b.
Venz: Goldfield, \$4 n.

Philippine Mining
Antamoks, P. 49 sa.
Atoks, P. 23½ sa.
Baguio Gold, P. 10½ sa.
Banguet Consol., P. 0.30 sa.
Benquet Explor., —
Big Wedge, P. —
Coco Groves, P. 41 sa.

Consolidated Mines, P. 0.11 sa.
Demonstrations, P. 33½ sa.
E. Mindanao, P. —
Gumaua G'fields, P. —
Ipo Gold, P. —
I.X.L., P. .03 sa.
Itogons, P. —
Mansate Consols., P. —
Min. Resources, P. —
Northern Min., P. —
Paracale Gumaua, P. .18 sa.
Salacot Mining, P. —
San Mauricio, P. 41 sa.
Suyoc Consol., P. 15½ sa.
United Paracales, P. 41 sa.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$6.80 b.
H.K. Lands, \$35½ b. and sa.
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben \$100 b.
Shai Lands, Sh. \$9½ n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —
Humphries, \$9½ n.
H.K. Realities, \$5.20 sa.
Chinese Estate, \$100 b.
China Realities, Sh. —
China Deben, —
Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways, \$15½ b.

CHINESE RISING IN NORTH

Guerillas Strike At Chefoo

Cities Flying Old Flags

Shanghai, Apr. 6. Chefoo, which has been in Japanese hands for many months, was the scene of a miniature battle yesterday, it is learned from an unimpeachable source.

Chinese guerilla troops apparently tricked into the outskirts of the town during the night, and at dawn opened fire on the Japanese. Succeeding in calling out a moderately sized Japanese force, the guerillas retreated outside of the town, with the Japanese following straight into a neatly laid ambush.

At least two truck-loads of dead bodies were seen to return to the city. The sound of fighting continued until nightfall, when the Chinese escaped to the hills, apparently undetected.

Travellers returning to Chefoo from a tour of Shantung, said it is further learned that, following the calling-up of virtually all Japanese garrisons in the province for an attack on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, the Chinese nationalist flag is now flying in three quarters of the larger cities throughout the north-east of the province.—Reuter.

Peak Trams (old), \$7 b.
Peak Trams (new), \$34 n.
Star Ferries, \$85½ b.
Yaumati Ferries (old), \$27½ s.
China Light (old), \$12 s.
China Light (new), \$9.10 n.
H.K. Electric, \$88½ b.
Macao Electric, \$1 n.
Sandakan Light, \$14½ n.
Telephone (old), \$26.80 n.
Telephone (new), \$10.10 b.
China Buses, Sh. —
Singapore Tractors, 24/6 n.
Singapore Pref., 23/6 n.

Industrials

Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$14½ n.
Cald: Macg. (Prof.), Sh. \$12½ n.
Canton Ices, \$1.70 n.
Cement, \$17.70 b.
H.K. Ropes, \$4.05 n.
H.K. Ropes, \$4.05 n.
Dairy Farm, \$24½ b. and sa.
Watsons, \$8.60 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$9½ n.
Sinceres, \$2.20 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$46 b.
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Ewo Cotton, Sh. \$14.05 sa.
Shai Cotton (old), Sh. \$73 n.
Zong Singa, Sh. —
Wing On Textiles, Sh. —

Miscellaneous

H.K. Entertainments, \$6.30 n.
Constructions, \$1½ b.
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H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 2% prm. b.
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Trusts Labour
To Speed
Arms Scheme

London, Apr. 5. Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, had further talks to-day on the acceleration of the armaments programme, when he met the Engineering and Allied Employers' National Federation.

Speaking later at the Constitutional Club, Sir Thomas said the recent conversations with the unions had been frank and friendly, and he was sufficiently optimistic to believe that goodwill and co-operation would triumph over all difficulties.

The Engineering and Allied Employers' National Federation had promised full co-operation in the Government's plans for speeding up the armaments programme. Reuter.

London, Apr. 5. The Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence Sir Thomas Inskip, speaking in London, said he was receiving a large number of letters from people of all classes offering whatever service they could render to their country. Sir Thomas Inskip said this was a remarkable manifestation of public spirit which he hoped the representatives of employers and labour, Sir Thomas said, "I am a sufficient optimist to believe that goodwill and co-operation will triumph over all difficulties, and that we shall find supplies of labour adequate for the programme which the Government has in mind."

Referring to the White Paper on the demands likely to be made on industry Sir Thomas said: "The intention at the time was not to interfere more than necessary with civil industry, but the events of the last few weeks have made it necessary—I hope only for a time—that the Government's programme should have priority. Further than that the Government has decided that as far as possible the programme that was to be completed within two years or less should be completed within less space of time."

Within the last few days, Sir Thomas had examined figures of labour available in the engineering industry, and the result showed a surplus of 10,000 skilled and semi-skilled men.

Concluding Sir Thomas said he was sure that the people of Britain had made up their minds that democracy should not be found wanting, and it would be much more impressive to the world at large if the programme could be completed as he expected, without resorting to compulsion, than if an act of Parliament were passed dragging people in the way they should go.—British Wireless.

LEAPS FROM VERANDAH

An apparent case of suicide occurred yesterday, when a patient at the Netherlands Hospital was found lying in Euston Road. A police report stated the man, Muk Ying-chuen, 49, of Jaffe Road, jumped from a first floor verandah.

THIEVES BOARD VESSEL

Mr. Simpson, Chief Officer of the steamer Hongkong at a buoy in harbour, reported to the police yesterday that three men boarded the steamer from a sampans, and by some unknown means stole 70 fathoms of Manila rope worth \$320 from the forecastle.

LITTLE GIRL DIES
AFTER IMMERSION

A little girl, Lam Mi, six, fell into a pond near the junction of Tai Po Road and Boundary Street, Shamshuipo, yesterday. She was taken to the Kowloon Hospital, but died.

FIRE DAMAGED \$3,000

A fire broke out in the Nam Jai electric torch factory, Fuk Wah Street, Shamshuipo, yesterday, causing damage to the stock and machinery to the extent of \$3,000. The cause is unknown.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-Ninth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 12th day of April, 1938, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 1st APRIL, 1938, to TUESDAY, the 12th APRIL, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. C. T. BECK, Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY
OF CANTON, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, A. W. HUGHES, General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, A. W. HUGHES, General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, A. W. HUGHES, General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF
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What to do to help a child

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

HONGKONG HOTELS SHOW
RECORD YEAR'S PROFIT

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contents have suffered no material damage.

The catastrophic bomb-dropping incident in Nanking Road which occurred on August 14, 1937, involved, as you are aware, the Palace Hotel, a high explosive projectile making a direct hit on the building. The consequential damage to property, though extensive, is nothing as compared with the considerable loss of life to Chinese Staff entailed which the Board, and as I feel sure, you all, so keenly deplore.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

Certain reparation work was carried out sufficient to enable business at the Palace Hotel to be resumed on September 13 last. Naturally business at first was on a small scale, but patronage in all departments steadily increased, and, in order to satisfy a clearly discernible demand, work has been put in hand which, on completion, will have entirely re-instated the premises and brought all areas to full revenue producing capacity.

The computation of the Company's claim in respect of damage sustained through the hostilities in Shanghai—which incidentally cannot yet be finally assessed—and the lodgment thereof with the proper authority, are in the hands of our Shanghai agents.

I have thus dealt somewhat fully with our Shanghai Establishments because my colleagues and I realise your natural concern in regard thereto. In the existing atmosphere of conflict and political uncertainty, prophecy must obviously be futile. I shall therefore make no attempt to prophesy. As you know, for reasons which have been referred to by Chairmen at successive annual Meetings, the Shanghai Establishments have for some years past, shown losses but I am happy to be able to say this: the present indications afford ample grounds for the Board to entertain the hope that, as regards the Astor, arrangements already in hand may be concluded whereby no losses will be suffered by the Company during the coming year and that, as regards the Palace, its business for 1938 will result in a profit.

PEIPING HOTEL

The Hotel operated by our subsidiary Company in Peiping—the Grand Hotel des Wapens-Lis—showed excellent results for its last financial year, ended June 30, 1937, enabling a dividend to be declared in respect of which your Company, as you will note from the Accounts before you, received on its holdings \$18,043.37.

The turn of the subsidiary Company's financial year, however, coincided with the commencement of hostilities in the area where the hotel is located and in consequence from July onwards, its business received a serious setback. I am, however, pleased to state that current revenue returns from that hotel indicate a satisfactory revival and a working profit.

For the various reasons which I have already indicated, the Profit and Loss Account before you includes in its credit a "Balance of Working Account," \$989,232.74, which represents a large contribution to the Profit and Loss Account from that source that has been the case for many years. Due mainly to this augmentation we are able to report an increased net profit of \$40,187.06 for the financial year 1937, comparing favourably with \$220,004.39, the net result of the previous year's operations.

Others items in the Profit and Loss Account make fairly equivalent comparisons with the figures reported last year, with the exception of rents of shops and offices. Earnings from this source are lower than last year's amount by some \$23,000 entirely due to rental receipts for shop premises in the Astor House Hotel building having been lost since the property was evacuated.

BALANCE SHEET

The Balance Sheet contains no items of an exceptional nature, and is, indeed, self-explanatory. I would, however, refer to items of additions to certain of the listed assets. Additions to buildings, \$3,178.25; this sum denotes the capitalised portion of expenditure incurred in converting the west wing ground floor verandah at the Peninsula Hotel into shop premises, thus making the area more productive, and yielding increased revenue from January 1, last.

The additions to furniture and fittings totalling \$45,024.15 depict the cost of extra equipment and furniture acquired during the year and cover issues to the Company's establishments in Hongkong and Shanghai. A booster pump at the Peninsula Hotel, costing \$435.50 is the only capitalised addition to plant and machinery.

The items "Sundry Debtors" and "Sundry Creditors" as included in the Balance Sheet stand at higher figures than customary, but this enhances merely reflects increased business, for the included balances are current and are brought forward do not embody any long dated or dishonoured obligations.

The Repairs and Renewals Account has suffered depletion during the year by \$34,925.77. This sum has in the main been expended upon various alterations and reconstruction work in furtherance of modernisation measures, and the expenditure was spread over various departments in all the hotels. The importance of keeping up with the times in relation to your Company's particular type of business has been previously stressed from the Chair. In emphasising the necessity of continuing this class of expenditure and making adequate provision for it wherever possible, I can say that in our experience similar outlay in the past has, without exception borne fruit. I feel sure,

therefore, that you will approve the recommendation of your Directors that out of the balance of Profit and Loss Account set before you to-day for allocation, an amount be voted to the credit of this Repairs and Renewals Account.

THIRTY YEAR RECORD

You will observe amongst assets this year an item "Cash at Bank." It may be interesting to note that this is the first occasion during the last three decades on which the Company's relationship with the bank has not been recorded on the contra side of the Balance Sheet.

I have already referred to the abnormal conditions under which the satisfactory results now presented to you were alone possible. I should like to pay a sincere tribute to the Company's staff both in Hongkong and Shanghai, our Shanghai Agents, and the staff of our subsidiary Company in Peiping, for their loyalty and devotion to the interests of the Company during a period of unparalleled difficulty and anxiety, and, in the case of Peiping and Shanghai, of grave personal danger. In these critical times the weight of the tremendous responsibility and anxiety of your Managing Director, Mr. J. H. Tarrant, who discharged his onerous duties with that quiet courage, industry, and ability, which are so characteristic of him. I venture to think he deserves well of the Shareholders. (Applause.)

I now formally propose that the Report of the Directors and the Accounts for the financial year ended December 31, 1937, as presented to you, be adopted, and that the balance of \$901,045.81 standing to the credit of Profit and Loss Account be appropriated as follows:

To pay a dividend of 40 cents per share on 1,193,867 Shares \$477,540.80

To transfer to Repairs and Renewals Account 79,778.54

To carry forward to New Account 343,720.47

\$901,045.81

I shall be obliged if some Shareholder will second the proposal, whereupon questions as to the Report and Accounts may be raised.

Mr. Li Tse-fong: It is with pleasure that I rise to second the adoption of the report and accounts before you. The satisfactory results of the Year's working reflect credit on the Directors, management and general staff and on behalf of shareholders I offer them my congratulations. The sound financial position of the company as revealed in the statement of accounts is a source of satisfaction to all shareholders and indicates that the company has now turned the corner.

The Report and Accounts were approved.

On the motion of Mr. Labrum seconded by Mr. Rickett, the resolution of the Hon. Mr. Lo as Director was approved.

Mr. M. H. Lo proposed and Mr. Gittins seconded the re-election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming with an extra fee of \$3,300 for extra work undertaken during last year in registering transfer of shares and controlling the Register of Members.

Mr. Labrum asked if, in view of the excellent work of the staff, the Directors would consider granting them a bonus.

The Chairman replied that certain salary cuts which it had been found necessary to introduce, had been restored and the suggestion of a bonus would be borne in mind.

EMPLOYER FINED
FOR WORKING
STAFF TOO LONG

For causing six women employees to work beyond the time permitted by the ordinances, the manager of the Tai Yick Knitting Company, 230 Cheungshawan Road, was fined \$10 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning.

Mr. D. W. Phillips, Assistant Inspector of Factories, said he had visited the place at 10.30 p.m. on March 8 and found the women at work. They were supposed to have stopped at 8 p.m.

STANLEY REPORTS
ANGLO-AMERICAN
PACT PROGRESS

London, Apr. 5. Anglo-American trade negotiations have been proceeding in Washington continuously since the end of February; and the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Stanley, in the House of Commons to-day, said he believed that public hearings which began on March 14 were now concluded. He was unable to say when the negotiations were likely to end.—British Wireless.

GOOD INTENTIONS
ONLY SUCCEED
IN SINKING JUNK

The master of a boat, Ping Hai, reported to the police yesterday that while the vessel was near the Yau-mai breakwater yesterday morning with a cargo of wax on board, it caught fire. A waterboat happened to pass by, and pumped water into the junk, causing it to become water-logged and sink.

Roosevelt
And Quezon
Now AgreeWant Sound Economic
Foundation For
P.I. Independence

Washington, Apr. 5.

President Roosevelt's assumption of active leadership in the formulation of a Philippine and American economic programme has indicated his very strong intention to keep economic relations from partisan controversy.

Observers state that it is understood President Manuel Quezon and President Roosevelt have concurred in a desire to establish a sound economic basis for effective Philippine independence in 1946. This involves a subsequent discussion and re-examination of political relations. The interchange of views has resulted in a solution for the Joint Committee's disagreement on details after independence, of preferential treatment. Hence it has removed the possibility of a divided report, and the use of a political football, either by the United States or the Philippines.

Some officials intimated that the concurrence of the two Presidents on this programme within the framework of the Tugatin-McDuffie report, has not affected their possible advocacy of Mr. Paul McNutt's political re-examination plan.

However, attention is drawn to the fact that Mr. McNutt's suggestion is aimed at a modification of the present political basis of the Philippines-American relations on which the Joint Committee's report must necessarily be based.

President Roosevelt evidently wished to separate the economic programme from any report to be submitted at the next session, both of Congress and the Philippine Assembly, as a non-partisan economic finding, bearing a broad endorsement of both the Philippines and American chief executives.

Insular sources believed that President Quezon was convinced that an uncontroversial report by the Joint Committee is the only solution to the impending political situation in view of the political aspects.

Well informed observers said the Philippines undoubtedly had conceded more for a settlement, but Americans had to face the major task of securing congressional approval. Therefore major concessions had been required.—United Press.

BURGLARIES
REPORTED

Several burglaries were reported to the police yesterday.

Mr. A. Dunnett, of 3 Minden Avenue, Kowloon, reported that between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. yesterday, some person broke into his flat and stole a jacket containing money and fountain pens valued altogether at \$64.

Captain FitzGerald-Lombard, 565 the Great, reported that some person entered his residence on the morning of April 4 and stole a camera and money to the total value of \$75.

Mrs. Seth, of Deep Dene, Deep Water Bay, reported that an attempt was made to burgle her house yesterday morning, when a window on the ground floor was forced open. Nothing was stolen.

UNREGISTERED
FACORIES
DRAW FINES

That a factory in a Kowloon City village had been running without the knowledge or permission of the authorities for two or three years was revealed at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning when the manager was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen for not having registered the business.

Mr. D. W. Phillips, Assistant Inspector of Factories, said the purpose of registering a factory was that it could be inspected regularly, to see if the machinery was properly guarded, and so on. The place in question was the On Tai Dyeing Company, situated in Leung Un Ling.

A fine of \$15 was imposed. On a similar count, the Fung Cheong Shun Dyeing Company, situated nearby and which had been working for a few months, was fined \$10.

HONGKONG MINES
REPORT

Nelson & Co., Inc., managers for the Hongkong Mines, Ltd., report 3,901 dry tons are treated for the month of March, from which 560.7 dry short tons of lead concentrates were produced, averaging 69.61 per cent. Lead and 15.5 oz. silver per ton.

GAMING HOUSE KEEPER FINED

Li Sul-hon 41, unemployed, charged at Central Magistrate's court with keeping a common gaming house, and possession of chi jai lottery tickets, was fined \$30 or, in default, a month's imprisonment.

CAMERA MISSING

Mr. N. S. Wong, of Canton Road, reports to the police the loss of a camera worth \$200 between the Kowloon Star Ferry wharf and the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company wharf.

CHINESE GUERRILLAS
STRIKE CHEFOO

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the Lung Hai Railway, to be re-organised.—Central News.

Japanese Troop Train Hit

Tungkuang, April 6. A Japanese troop train at Fenglingtu, on the north bank of the Yellow River in south Shansi, was hit by several shells from Chinese batteries placed on the south bank on April 4, resulting in heavy casualties.

Two carloads of Japanese ammunition passing through Fenglingtu were also hit and damaged by Chinese batteries on the west bank of the Yellow River flowing along the Shansi-Shensi border on April 5.—Central News.

Scores Of Villages Burned

Hankow, April 6. Scores of villages on the Sungling Szeiking highway were burned down and many civilians shot in cold blood by Japanese troops on April 4 according to a message received here.

The act was committed in revenge for the killing of 10 Japanese soldiers by Chinese guerrillas lying in ambush at Chuankiochen, about 2 miles south-west of Szeiking.—Central News.

Japanese Kill Own Troops

Sinoshan, Apr. 6. About 200 Japanese troops at Peiping, east of Sinoshan, on the Kashing-Hangchow Railway, were shot by their own artillery units by mistake on April 4, resulting in more than 40 deaths.

These soldiers forming part of the 1,000 Japanese troops which landed at Haiyen on the north bank of the Chientang River on April 2 had lost contact with their main body during an engagement with Chinese guerrillas between Haiyen and Sinoshan.—Central News.

BRITISH PLANES
SELL WELL

London, Apr. 5. It was revealed by the President of the Board of Trade in reply to a Parliamentary question that during last year, 507 aeroplanes of United Kingdom manufacture were exported, to a value of £1,013,099. Of the total, 235 went to British countries, including 73 to Australia, 60 to the Union of South Africa, 32 to New Zealand, 19 to British India, and Burma, and 14 to Canada.

Over 27 foreign countries received British aeroplanes during 1937, including 31 to France, 27 to Egypt, 27 to Iraq and 25 to Belgium.—British Wireless.

LOYALISTS MAKING
DESPERATE EFFORTS

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jewelry, which is estimated to be worth \$200,000,000.

Observers believe that the cutting of communications will hasten the end of the war due to the fact that Madrid is helpless unless receiving constant supplies, while 90 per cent. of the war industries are located in Catalonia.—United Press.

Loyalists Appeal To
France, Britain

Paris, Apr. 5. The Loyalist Embassy has urgent appeals to the Quai d'Orsay for the abolition of the non-intervention regulations to allow France to send munitions to the Loyalists.

Similarly it has sent a note to London, admitting the gravity of the situation, which, it said, would be folly to ignore.

The Embassy stated that the Insurgent victory at Aragon was the result of France and Britain adherence to, and German and Italian violations of, non-intervention.—United Press.

MANY CHINA
MERCHANT STEAMERS
SOLD ABROAD

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field in China, but has failed to carry out a definite shipping policy for the nation. In 1932 it was proposed that the company should be taken over by the government and operated as a government enterprise. This proposal was approved at the 75th meeting of the Central Political Council.

The first step was to call in all the privately owned stocks of the company, which were of two kinds, shipping stocks and property stocks. It was decided that two shares of shipping stock and one share of property stock should make one set, with a surrender value of fifty taels. Forty-two thousand sets of stock had been issued by the company, and up to last year, over 40,000 of these had been re-purchased by the Chinese Government, making the undertaking, to all intents and purposes, a purely government enterprise.

Included in the Shanghai property is the Central Wharf in the International Settlement, which was formerly American property of the China Realty Company. The Lower Wharf in the International Settlement was formerly owned by Anglo-American interests, while the Eastern Wharf was at one time British.

COAL ROYALTIES
BILL PASSES

London, Apr. 5. The House of Commons to-day gave a third reading to the Coal Royalties Bill.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILES		
From	Per	Due
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila (Seattle date, 12th March)	Pres. McKinley	April 6.
Hainan	Canton	April 7.
Tientsin	Chenglu	April 7.
Canada, U.S.A., Australia and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 19th March)	Emp. of Asia	April 7.
Rabat	Friderun	April 7.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date.		
30th March	Imperial Airways Plane	April 7.
Manila	Potsdam	April 7.
Amoy	Shirata	April 7.
Java and Manila	Tjinegara	April 7.
Japan	Dakar Maru	April 8.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru	April 8.
Japan and Swatow	Kalgan	April 8.
Japan	Kunishima Maru	April 8.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 11th March)	Pres. Pierce	April 8.
OUTWARD MAILES		
For	Per	Date and Time
Wednesday		
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kwelin, C.N.A.C. Plane	K. P. O.	Wed., Apr. 6.
"C.N.A.C." Airways Service.	Reg.	Apr. 6, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 6, 5 p.m.
	G. P. O.	Apr. 6, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 7, 6 a.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 7, 6 a.m.
Thursday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Thurs., Apr. 7, 6.15 a.m.
Kongmoon	Tai Lee	Thurs., Apr. 7, 10 a.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Szechuen	Thurs., Apr. 7, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Straits, Bolesevain	Thurs., Apr. 7, 3.30 p.m.	
Batavia, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco Marques and South Africa.		
Tientsin	Hermes	Tues., Apr. 7, 5 p.m.
Friday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Fri., Apr. 8, 6.15 a.m.
Shanghai	Potsdam	Fri., Apr. 8, 6.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Shan, Lanchow and Eurasia Plane	K. P. O.	Fri., Apr. 8.
Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by "Eurasia Airways Service" (to further points by surface transport as services permit)	Reg.	G.P

Loyalists Fight Desperate Losing Battle

ITALIANS MARCHING IN VAN OF ATTACK ON TORTOSA LINES

Vital Railway and Highway Links Severed by Guns

Hendaye, Apr. 5.

Insurgent artillery around Tortosa to-day smashed the Catalonia-Valencia railway, and cut the main motor road between northern and southern Loyalist Spain.

Meanwhile, Italian Black Arrow troops and a column of legionnaires, converged on Tortosa from two sides. In the nearby outskirts of the town, the defenders fought a desperate losing battle.

From Barcelona, a telephone message to London stated that the Insurgents had entered districts commanding northern Spain's great hydraulic plants. Barcelona was paralysed for more than an hour owing to the failure of the electricity.

It is officially confirmed that Dr. Juan Negrin is virtual dictator there. However, Senator Indalecio Prieto, Minister of Defence, who refused to serve, and Senator Manuel Irujo, whom Senator Gonzalez Pena, the extremist replaced as Minister of Justice, have decided not to participate in the new Government. Senator Del Vayo has become Minister for Foreign Affairs, while Senator Vincente Uribe and Senator Jaime Ayguade have been retained as Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Labour respectively.

The United States Embassy and Consulate has moved to San Andres and De La Vaneras.—United Press.

Stiff Resistance

Saragossa, Apr. 5. General Franco's legionnaires advancing on Tortosa are encountering stronger resistance than the troops who are advancing further south, and the latter may yet win the race to the Mediterranean.

Meanwhile Insurgent columns south-east of Lerida continue to advance on a wide front.

It is officially stated that over 10,000 Loyalist prisoners have been captured during three weeks, beginning March 9.—Reuter Bulletin.

BLUE CREWS TO INVADE FRANCE

London, April 5. The Oxford and Cambridge boat race crews are going to France on Sunday to compete with French crews. They will be using sea-going boats instead of the type used in the annual boat race.

Eight French crews are competing between now and Sunday for the honour of meeting the British Universities' eights.—Reuter Bulletin.



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COAL BILL OF HELP TO MINERS

Labour Supporting Legislation

London, April 5.

The Coal Bill, which is one of the Government's main legislative measures of the session, was moved for the third reading in the House of Commons to-day by the Secretary for Mines, Captain Cruikshank. It is going to the House of Lords later in the week.

The measure deals comprehensively with the interests of the present owners of coal, colliery owners, workers and the community at large. Captain Cruikshank said this was the 15th day of the Bill, and no motion was down for its rejection. He took it that even if the Bill had not got the goodwill of all the members of the House, it at any rate had their benevolent neutrality.

While the Bill was before Parliament, registration of properties was proceeding. Up to the present, 17,105 applications had been received. The Labour member Mr. E. Shinwell said the Opposition would not vote against the third reading of the Bill. They accepted anything conducive to the interests of the mine workers, and for that reason they accepted the Bill with all its defects, and practical difficulties. In the hope that the Government and Commission, and coal owners would try and make the best of it in the interests of the workers and the nation as a whole.—British Wireless.

Missionary On Journey Of Adventure

Chungking, Apr. 6.

An adventurous journey across Asia to England is being made by the Rev. R. C. Walker and his wife, of the China Inland Mission, who are setting off on the trip to-day. Journeying up the Yangtze to Suifu, they will go westward to Yunnan, capital of Yunnan, through undeveloped country, to meet native tribes who have little allegiance to China, and which also is infested with bandits.

From Yunnan, the padre and his wife are travelling by bus to Tai Lake, which is the terminus of a new motor road, and from there they will go to Myittha in Burma. They will travel northwards by railway before taking the road across Burma to Sikkim in Assam, and from there they will go on to India. The couple will journey by steamer up the Pyriyan Gulf to Basra, then over the Syrian desert, and then across Europe by train.

The entire journey is expected to occupy three months.—Reuter Special.

JOINS AUSTRIANS IN DETENTION

Vienna, April 5.

It is learned that Dr. Ludwig Trauer, the Austrian Minister of Finance from 1935 to 1936, has been arrested.

It is officially stated that Dr. Karl von Susschnigg, former Austrian Chancellor, is still at Salzburg Palace. He is in good health. The uniformed guards have now been replaced by civilian guards.—Reuter.

POLICE HUNTING BRUTAL SLAYER

Mother And Daughter Tortured Before Shot To Death

Van Horn, Texas, Apr. 5. Jack Hammons, wanted as an army deserter from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was arrested at Alamogordo, New Mexico, to-day in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Weston G. Frome, and her daughter, Nancy Frome.

The 40-year-old Mrs. Frome, and her 23-year-old daughter, who were driving from their Berkeley, California, home to Paris Island, were presumably killed on Wednesday afternoon.

Their bodies were found last night in the mesquite brush, six miles from Van Horn.

Both had been tortured before they were shot.

Police believe the killer was accompanied by a woman, who stood by and watched while he beat and shot his victims.

District Attorney Roy Jackson of El Paso said he believed the pair met Mrs. Frome and her daughter when they had tyre trouble.

A killer of such brutal tendencies that he stamped on his helpless victims after beating them almost unconscious, was sought to-night in the vast, sparsely settled areas of the south-west.

Police were virtually without clues as to the identity of the murderer. They were not even certain whether one or two men robbed and killed the women.

BRUTAL MURDER

They believed a woman companion of the killer looked on as the man ripped the women's clothes to shreds, tore jewelry from their fingers, and then, as they lay writhing in the mud and dust, shot them through the head.

The mother and daughter died on Wednesday afternoon, it was believed. Their bodies were found last night. In the four days that elapsed between the commission and detection of the crime, the killer had ample time to drive hundreds of miles from the scene. However, the police were watching the highways.

The first arrest was made at Alamogordo, New Mexico. Officers detained Mickey J. (Jack) Hammons, an army deserter from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, who said he was visiting relatives in New Mexico.

The Texas officers will question him, what he was told in Budapest or Berlin one might gather as well information about China in Tokyo.

In saying that the name Czechoslovakia has no sense shows that Viscount has not much knowledge about history and I am afraid even less about ethnography of the country.

The Czechs and the Slovaks have been on brotherly terms not less than ten centuries. The difference in their respective languages being so slight they had a common literature and later a common religion. The Czechs and the Slovaks inhabited the territory (and a great deal more) which is now Czechoslovakia long before the Hungarians came to Europe. Already in the second century A.D. Polonus mentions the Slavs among the many peoples living in the area between the Adriatic and Baltic seas as being on the highest level of civilization.

It Viscount Rothermere calls Czechoslovakia a bluff a fraudulent and synthetic state, I wonder how does he refer to the creations since the beginning of this world.

The case of Soviet planes on Czech territory has been investigated by Britain's trusted men and was found a pure fabrication from the usual quarters, therefore Viscount Rothermere's fears that Bolshevik bombers could be over Berlin etc. within an hour are groundless.

The rest of Viscount Rothermere's article is a much-grinded and re-grinded stuff which should serve as propaganda.

WAR CLOUDS HANG HEAVY Yes, to-day the war clouds hang heavy along Czechoslovakia's frontiers, but the same clouds may hang over Britain's very soon, if people like Viscount Rothermere see in the man who made them the ideal arbiter of other people's affairs. There is no need for warfare. "Czechoslovakia's Prisoners" are as free, if not more so than the "free citizens" of countries who are anxious to be called "the liberators."

We saw such "liberations" in Asia and Africa as well as in Europe quite enough, so these "good Samaritans" can turn in without being misled by the "poor oppressed."

No Czechoslovakia is definitely not a danger spot, but she is the dreaded beam of light in the darkness of those who seek it for their nefarious work and therefore seek means to destroy it. On the other hand she is the symbolical index of hope for those who believe that real democracy will survive.

Facts cannot be distorted endlessly. One will admit that Viscount Rothermere's wares after such a long period were rather mouldy. He might air them; but whether he finds any buyers is another question.

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He is survived by a wife, a daughter and two sons, who are residing near Los Angeles.—Reuter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"PRISONERS OF CZECHO-SLOVAKIA"

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

[The following letter is a reply to an article by Viscount Rothermere in this newspaper dealing with Czechoslovakia minorities.]

Viscount Rothermere's hatred for Czechoslovakia dates back to the last decade.

But states, especially Czechoslovakia, who were being thus attacked and states who hold the sanctity of treaties in higher esteem than Viscount Rothermere's ambitions stepped in.

In Viscount Rothermere's opinion Czechoslovakia may cost Europe another war. But why only Czechoslovakia? Czechoslovakia, as any other state should be attacked, will resist. Viscount Rothermere is pretty well aware of this. Perhaps he would prefer settling matters in Austria, but he knows well it will not be and as the likelihood of next invasion will be Czechoslovakia he puts the blame on this country.

It is true that Czechoslovakia houses 3,250,000 of German speaking people, but if one looks at their names one will have no doubt as to the origin of these. F. L. Zajicek (leader of German Agrarian Party) is a pure Czech name, and at least 75 per cent. of these "prisoners" parents, grandparents, etc. were pure Czechs forcibly germanized by the Hapsburgs during the past three centuries of domination. As to the "three-quarter of a million of pure-blooded Hungarians" I beg to point out as one of these that there never were such in southern nor any other part of Czechoslovakia. All these "Hungarians" were and are the most loyal Slovaks, but through ruthless magyarization in the past and because of their former economic dependence on Budapest they speak the Hungarian language.

NO TRUTH IN STATEMENT There is no truth in Viscount Rothermere's statement that "even after 19 years of systematic Czechification one third of the population can speak neither Czech nor Slovak."

How does Viscount Rothermere know this since he never was nor wanted to come in touch with people living in Czechoslovakia? If he did, he could not deny that except a very small percentage (about 8%) who were not always citizens of Czechoslovakia all speak the two languages above mentioned. As to what he was told in Budapest or Berlin one might gather as well information about China in Tokyo.

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BRITISH-ITALIAN BARGAIN FORECAST

Work For Common Benefits And Appeasement

Rome, Apr. 5.

Progress in the Anglo-Italian conversations will be reviewed when Lord Perth, the British Ambassador to Rome, meets Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, at 6 p.m. to-day. A rigid silence is being maintained by Italian officials, but it is certain the agreement will reaffirm the Gentlemen's Agreement of January 1937, whereby both sides undertook to respect the status quo in the Mediterranean.

Both nations will also reaffirm the other's rights in the Mediterranean, it is expected.

Italy will disclaim any designs against the integrity of Spain, the Balearics and the Spanish colonies. The right of passage to all countries through the Mediterranean will be affirmed and also the rights of ships of all nations to use the Suez Canal in time of peace and war.

There is also a general belief that agreement will be reached for the delimitation of boundaries between Abyssinia, the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, and Kenya, Britain undertaking to prevent gun-running across the frontiers, and that Italy will guarantee the unimpeded flow of the Nile waters.

Spheres of influence in the Red Sea and Arabia will be defined, and both sides will abstain from propaganda. The interests of Italy will be respected in the future settlement of Palestine.

An attempt will be made to restrict future fortifications in the Mediterranean zone and some Italian white troops in Libya will be withdrawn.

Signature to the agreement is expected at Easter, after which it is expected Britain will approach the League to secure recognition of Italy's conquest of Abyssinia.—Bulletin.

Refuse To Aid T.V.A. Inquiry

Washington, Apr. 5. Mr. John N. Garner, Vice-President of the United States, has appointed Senators Fred Brown, Victor Donnelly, Harry Schwartz, Charles McNary and William Borah to participate in a joint investigation of the Tennessee Valley Administration, an investigation demanded by President F. D. Roosevelt.

Mr. William Bankhead, Speaker of the House, has appointed Representatives James Mead, William J. Driver, Chester Thompson, Thomas A. Jenkins and Charles A. Wolverton. Senators Borah and McNary have declined to serve. Senator Borah said: "I do not believe in investigations by a town meeting. I have never seen any good come from joint investigations."—United Press.

Named Editor Of N.C.D. News

Shanghai, Apr. 6. Marking his 27th year in China yesterday, Mr. R. T. Peyton-Griffin, 49-year-old Briton from Marlborough, has been appointed successor to Mr. Edwin Howard as editor of the North China Daily News.

Mr. Peyton-Griffin has been with the North China Daily News since 1915, except for three years between 1922 and 1925.—Reuter.



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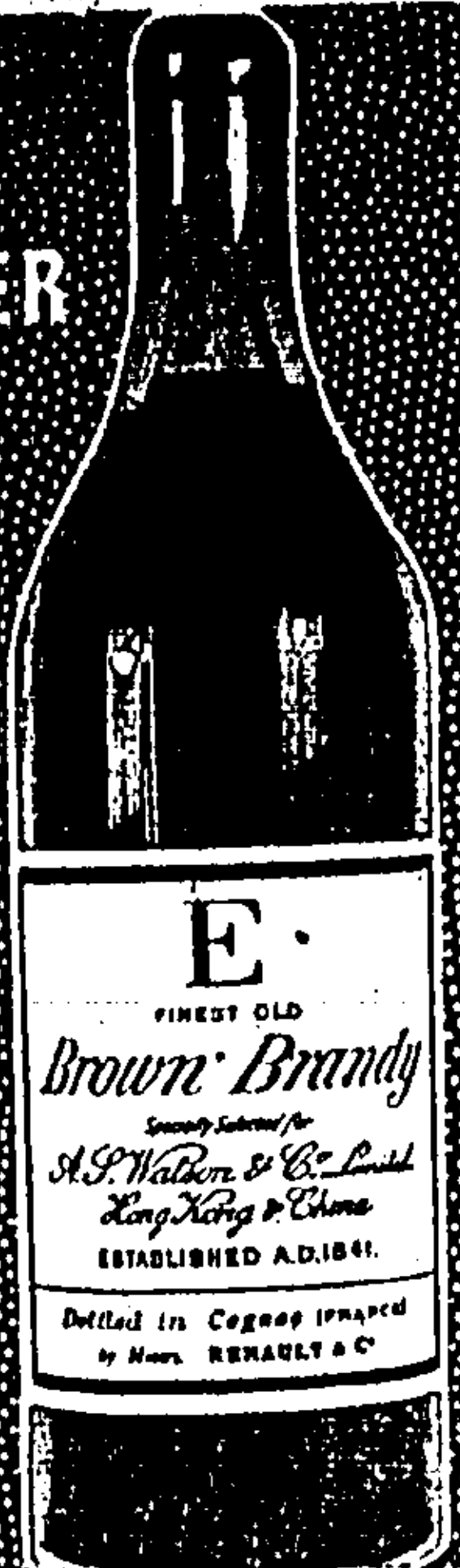
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DEATH

DUNN.—At 2 p.m. on April 5, 1938,
at the Queen Mary Hospital,
Samuel Dunn, aged 60 years.
Funeral will take place at the
Jewish Cemetery at 4 p.m.
to-day.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1938.

**DIVIDING WATER
COST BURDEN**

The proposals offered by the
Financial Secretary, the Hon.
Mr. Caine, for the abolition of
free water, the revising of
charges and the reorganisation
of the administration of this
vital utility service appear to
have failed to win any great
amount of popular support. The
reception given the suggestions
by contemporaries is not exactly
enthusiastic. If, as seems prob-
able, the more well-to-do
people of Hongkong are going
to pay the waterworks piper
under the new system of
charges it is not surprising that
they should be concerned. But,
on the other hand, if the poorer
people are to benefit, as seems
equally probable, it is in the
public interest to support Mr.
Caine's scheme.

Actually it is not proposed to
attempt to pass judgment on
this very involved and com-
plicated subject. But it does
seem, on the face of it, that
those who can best afford to pay
more for their water are to be
asked to do so; and that if there
are any benefits they will be
found in the reduction of rates
among the tenement dwellers.
In this respect it must be borne
in mind that unless landlords,
or principal tenants, are pre-
pared to reduce rents in direct
ratio to the amount of water
rates saved to them, the tenement
dwellers will not benefit.
In fact, they will be forced to
pay for all their water and, in
addition, that proportion of their
rents which formerly the land-
lord had to contribute to the
Government in water rates.
Injustice may creep in here; and
if it does the only persons
standing to gain by the new
regulations would be the land-
lords, those sometimes maligned
and often suspected people
whose investments are not al-
ways the gold mines the general
public tends to believe them.

There seems to be no question
but that residents of the higher
levels, particularly those on the
Penk proper, are going to have
to pay substantially more for
their water than they have done
in the past. The reason for
this is made clear to the
uninitiated when it is explained
that their free water allowance
is calculated on their assessment
value. The higher the assess-
ment, the greater their supply
of free water. It is obvious
that a particularly wealthy

IN the catalogue of num-
bers, three probably
occurs most frequently
in our life.

Its first manifestation in the
mind of most people is, obvious-
ly, the Trinity, but the number
is associated with the Saviour
from His birth, when the three
Magi, guided by the star, arrived
to pay Him homage, bearing
three gifts—Gold, Frankincense
and Myrrh. In celebration of
this event the Church early es-
tablished the Feast of the Three
Kings, now called the Epiphany,
which became a separate feast in
813 A.D.

THE number followed
Him to the end of His
life, for on the night of His ar-
rest, He said to Peter, "Before
the cock crows, thou shalt deny
Me thrice." He was crucified
on one of three crosses at 3
o'clock in the afternoon, when
He was thirty-three years of
age, and He rose on the third
day, as He had prophesied when
He said to the Jews who ques-
tioned Him, "Destroy this temple
and in three days I will raise it
up."

had burnt six, because he re-
fused to pay the same price for
the original nine volumes.

Leaving the ancient world
with its three governing men
forming a triumvirate, the crown
offered three times to Caesar
and its triremes, the forerunners
of our own "three-deckers," we
came to our own times with the
Three great Estates of the
Realm—the King, the Lords and
the Commons. For the protec-
tion of the Empire are the three
great services—the Army, the
Navy and the Air Force, bound
together in their allegiance by
the Tricolour.

When Charles Stewart Par-
nell was known as "the uncrown-
ed King of Ireland" and the Irish
Land Act was being hotly dis-

**THE
MYSTERY OF 3**

The Pope wears the tiara or
the triple crown on ceremonial
occasions and in the Church
building itself is the triforium
—the arcade above the arches
between the nave and the side
aisles.

The number appears in the
Old Testament. Three were the
patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac and
Jacob, and threefold was their
blessing.

STILL earlier, the num-
ber appears in the
ancient mythologies of Greece
and Rome. There were three
Fates—Clotho who spun the
thread of life, Lachesis who
pointed out man's destiny with a
staff and Atropos who cut the
thread with a pair of shears
when the time came for him to
die; three Furies—Tisiphone,
Alecto and Megaera whom the
Greeks, fearing their enmity,
sought to propitiate by calling
the Eumenides, the "Well mean-
ing" or "kindly Goddesses";
three Graces, Euphrosyne,
Aglaia and Thalia, and Cerberus,
the three-headed dog, which
guarded the entrance to Hades.

Three were the books contain-
ing the destiny of Rome which
Tarquin bought for 300 pieces of
gold from the Sybil after she

cussed in Parliament in 1880-81,
the question of "The Three F's"
figured largely. They stood for
Fixity of Tenure, Fair Rents
and Free Sale, but Sir Stafford
Northcote, afterwards Earl of
Iddesleigh, denounced them as
"Fraud, Force and Folly."

THREE frequently ap-
pears in connection
with the Sciences and the Arts.
Of prime importance is the
triangle from whose study de-
veloped trigonometry which
treats of the relations of the
sides and angles of triangles and
the methods of deducing from
certain given parts other re-
quired parts.

Mathematics, chemistry, bio-
logy and other sciences have in-
troduced large numbers of words
beginning with "tri" to denote
their relation to three.

In botany, three appears in
several relations, an example of
which is the trifolium or clover
because it normally possesses
three leaves. When a plant is
found with four leaves, the
superstitious preserve it as a
bringer of luck.

THREE is probably the
earliest number with which
we become acquainted, Florence.

for it figures in the nursery
rhymes we learn by heart—
"Three Blind Mice," "Three Lit-
tle Kittens," "The Three Wise
Men of Gotham" and "Old King
Cole and his Fiddlers Three,"
while it appears in many fairy
stories like "The Three Bears"
and "The Three Pigs."

In heraldry three animals,
birds or other symbols constant-
ly appear in the arms of those of
high birth. Thus, three lions are
seen in the arms of the
Sovereign; three ostrich feathers
from the badge of the Prince of
Wales and three feathers the
headdress of ladies appearing in
ceremonial dress before the
Sovereign.

Three obeisances or bows are
made on entering and three
steps backwards are taken on
leaving the presence of the
Sovereign or his representative.
Criers in court repeat "Oyez"
(hear) three times to secure
silence and the town crier, cor-
rupting the word to "O yes,"
calls it three times as he rings
his bell before making his an-
nouncement.

Three golden balls are the
sign of the pawnbroker, prob-
ably derived from the arms of
the Medici, the great bankers of
Florence.

Before we can be married in
Church the banns must be called
three times and our children are
taught the three R's.

If we race, we start to the
bidding of "One, Two, Three,
Off," and we must win certain
events three times running to
secure permanent possession of
the trophy. If we bet and lose
we console ourselves with the
thought, "third time lucky."

Being tired, we replenish our
exhausted energies with three
meals a day. If we go swim-
ming we buoy ourselves with the
belief that we shall not drown
until we have sunk three times,
while if we come into the
clutches of the police we hope to
escape the "third degree" in
their attempt to make us con-
fess.

Finally, to those whom we de-
light to honour we give three
cheers, the "tiger" to which may
stand for the three which the
reader may miss because there
is not room in this article for
them.

**Rudolph de
Cordova**

**SPLENDID NEWS ABOUT
EYES TO-DAY**

By An Ophthalmic Surgeon

HAVE you ever sat opposite a girl lovely in every
respect but one: that she had to peer at the world
through thick lenses, her eyes that should have been
so beautiful either magnified like those of a codfish or
diminished to black dots in a pool of ripples?
If you have, you will learn with interest of the
great strides that have been made in perfecting in-
visible spectacles—in other words, "contact lenses,"
which, you may remember, were first talked of a year
or two ago.

These lenses make their bow this week at the
British Industries fair as delicate shells of glass worn
closely fitted to the eyeball itself, their edges covered
by the eyelids, their presence often imperceptible at first
glance even to an eye surgeon.

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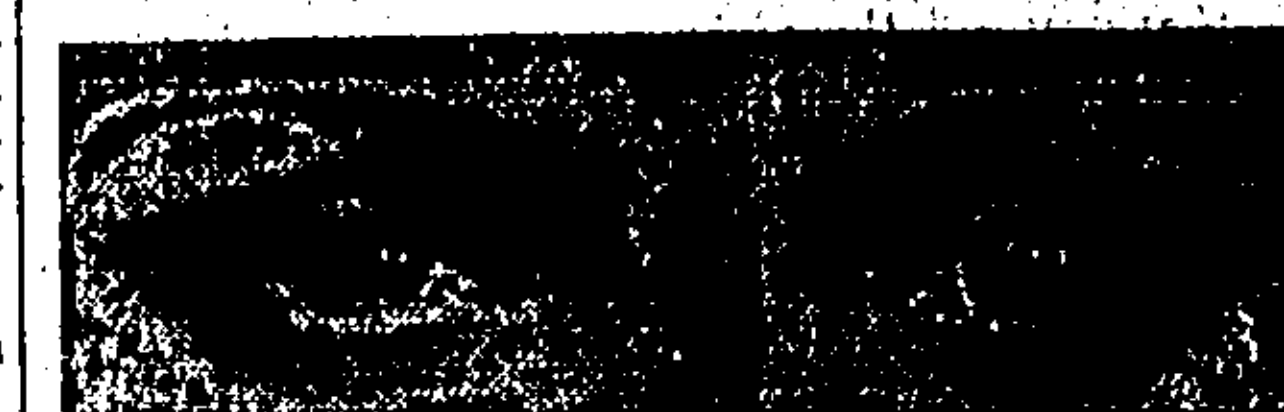
THEY are far more than a beauty-aid; they are a
means of restoring perfect sight.
The eye is like a camera taking pictures through
a closed window; its lens may be properly focused,
but if the window pane is not an even surface the
picture will be distorted. In the eye the cornea,
transparent skin covering the pupil and the coloured
iris, corresponds to the window-pane.

A distorted cornea can be corrected only by having
a cap of glass fitted to it which presents a regular sur-
face to the outside world. To achieve perfect results
has taken years of research.

The original contact lenses were hemispherical
shells of glass, but as each eye is a different shape often
the fit was not good. Now they are made to measure.

14 HOURS WORK

THE surgeon makes the eye insensible by putting a
few drops of cocaine on it and then, taking a mould
of the eyeball in wax. From this plaster casts are
made and the first trial lens is ordered from them.



In both these cases glasses are worn. This article
explains why you can't see them in the lower
picture.

Now comes a long process of fitting the lens, noting
where it is irregular, taking it back to the bench and
grinding it down a few thousandths of a millimetre and
trying again. This may take 14 sessions of an hour
each.

At last the final shell is cast, the lens correction
ground into the centre, and the patient can start his new
life.

I have known a young woman so overcome on
putting on her contact lenses and seeing herself com-
plete for the first time in a long mirror that she wept
for joy.

TSUI WAI-PUI FULLY EXTENDED BY E. C. FINCHER

SPLENDID PLAY IN YESTERDAY'S TENNIS MATCH

LOSER FIGHTS PLUCKILY RIGHT TO THE FINISH

(By "Abe")

If Tsui Wai-pui, the Colony champion of 1936 and Chinese Davis Cupper last year, was a trifle disappointing, E. C. Fincher more than fulfilled expectations at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday when these two players met in the quarter-finals of the singles in the current tennis championships.

As the scores of 6-4, 6-0 suggest, it was a fight to the finish with little in it between the two. That Tsui, regarded in many quarters as in a class by himself in Hongkong at the present moment, won the match was perhaps only to be expected; but the manner in which Fincher made him go and out to do so was an eye-opening event to those who have thought highly of the K.C.C. man's play in the current tournament.

Not for a long time has Fincher revealed such splendid form as he did yesterday when he scored numerous winners with drives on both wings, but in his attempts to make winning shots, he also committed more blunders than usual. This was particularly noticeable on his backhand which failed him unexpectedly on several occasions even when he was essaying the easiest of shots. Although he also made mistakes in his forehand, he was comparatively safe on this wing except when he tried to impart more speed into his drives; then he was prone to overhit.

Fincher's service was extremely good throughout the whole of the encounter. He did not serve a single double-fault and even "aced" his opponent on several occasions.

NOT AT BEST

Although he played some glorious shots which left Fincher literally standing, Tsui's game did not seem to be as sound as usual even if his shots were always a little more varied than Fincher's. At times he appeared almost casual and seldom, if ever, in the course of the 24 games did he reproduce the form which carried him through to the championship in 1936 without conceding a single set.

But it is a tribute to Tsui's standard of play that even when he was not at his best he was able to beat a man like Fincher in straight sets. Indications were not lacking in the second set of the possibility of the encounter going the full distance, but though he led 5-4 and 6-5, Fincher was pulled back each time.

The match produced perhaps the highest standard of play seen so far in the singles championship. It touched heights of brilliance but also sank to the level of mediocrity. Play was always entertaining and the evenness of the scores sustained interest to the end.

With both men driving so well, it was only to be expected that they

S. A. Rumjahn Plays Loo Wai-tong

Another interesting match in the quarter-finals of the singles will be played to-day when S. A. Rumjahn clashes with Loo Wai-tong. The encounter will be played on the stand court and the winner will meet Tsui Wai-pui.

Seabiscuit Is An Easy Victor

Agua Caliente, Mex., Mar. 27. Mrs. C. S. Howard's mighty Seabiscuit romped to an easy victory in the \$12,500 added Agua Caliente Handicap before a record crowd of 22,000 spectators to-day.

The 1937 handicap champion, a favourite in the betting, won the mile and one-eighth race by two lengths over Grey Jack, Little Nymph, was third, a head behind Gray Jack. Amur Drago was fourth and Warfellow fifth.—United Press.

conducted their campaigns from the base-line most of the time. There were occasions when each went up to the net in turn but the results did not encourage them to pursue this method of attack and the match concluded in a series of base-line duels.

GREAT FIGHT

Fincher made a great fight to save the opening set. Leading by 5-3, Tsui had three set points but each time Fincher forced him into errors and then Fincher himself went on to win the game. Again in the tenth game, Tsui, with service, was leading 40-15 but Fincher "deuced" the scores, only to lose the game after the Chinese had held four set points.

There was a ding-dong struggle in the second set. Fincher did well to lead at the vital stages 5-4 and 6-5, but he was unable to clinch the advantage and the set ended in the fourteenth game for the match.



Tsui Wai-pui was the first player to enter the semi-finals of the Colony Tennis singles championship by beating E. C. Fincher yesterday. Picture was taken during the match. (Photo: Staff Photographer).

CARPENTIER, 44, STILL PLAYS RUGBY

NO HIGH OPINION OF PRESENT "HEAVIES"

(By Trevor Wignall)

London, Mar. 3.

Cocktail-bars do not often attract my custom, for the reason that I shiver under the cold and disapproving eye of the waiter after my order has been humbly tendered.

The feeling that swirls through me is akin to that which arrives when the head waiter of any luxury hotel discovers to his sorrow and repulsion that water will be taken with all meals, and that a pot of tea will always be preferred to the usual thimbleful of coffee.

I have been taking it on the chin from elegantly-attired servants for a long time now, but it is the cocktail-bar attendants who are still most successful in reducing what passes for my stature.

They have a way of looking down their noses that brings me near to trembling.

On occasions I have been cowardly enough to call for a dry martini in addition to the plain orange or the tomato juice.

Inevitably I was viewed with renewed suspicion when, on rising, it was observed by the count in disguise that the martini had not been touched.

PROSPERITY

The other night in Paris, however, I summed up sufficient nerve to push open the door of a place of call that is only about two stones-throw from the Arc de Triomphe.

There were two rooms, and both were jammed.

Life and laughter were at their height, there was considerable popping of corks, and all the indications were that a lively and prosperous trade was being done.

Present were large numbers of both sexes, who were either decorative, easy on the eye, or plain ugly, but easily the most distinctive person was a lean man in a brown suit.

He moved from table to table with a large smile and with greetings in English or French.

He stood out because of his personality, which was as prominent as an electric sign, and it was hard to realise that he was the owner of the popular joint.

I had not seen him at close quarters for five or more years.

WEARY

He is still as thin and as elegantly chipped as he was when he was bowing people over in rings.

He is the only world's champion with a long neck I have ever known, and perhaps that neck is a trifle more stringy to-day than it was when he was in his prime.

When trade began to die away he joined my small party. Easing himself into a chair, he softly sighed.

On inquiry I ascertained that he was a little weary.

Three hours before he had played as a wing three-quarter for his Rugby team in a tough and fast match.

His age is forty-four.

STILL 12ST. 7LBS.

The fighter the Americans named "Gorgeous George" and the "Orchid Man" told me he can still run, take a tackle, or bring down an opponent.

He never misses his Sunday Rugby game, but he does not claim that football is solely responsible for his ability still to make 12st. 7lbs., which was about the weight he scaled when he met Jack Dempsey for the world's heavy-weight championship.

Not greatly to my surprise he confessed that he has no high opinion of present-day heavies. I went beyond that.

Loudly and with meaning I told him that if Joe Louis and Max Schmeling were extracted from the present very moderate crop he could have taken on all the rest at the rate of three at a time.

Carpentier merely shrugged, but there were others in hearing distance who quickly cheered the sentiment.

Louis and Schmeling would have provided Carpentier with action when he was in his heyday, but I cannot think of any others now more or less prominent who would have given him a run.

LOWLY STATE

That's how far down we have slipped.

Not only in Britain, but in every other pugilistic country on earth.

Many second-raters these days are occupying positions that were once filled by the Corbets and Dempseys and Tunneys. They are getting away with the bluff because it cannot be called.

They are the leaders and the top-notchers of their indifferent set solely because they live in an era when professional fighting is in a more lowly state than it has been for an age.

Home Football

VILLA DEFEATED BY BURNLEY

Second Division Race More Interesting

The race for championship honours in the Second Division of the English Football League was made more interesting to-day as the result of the defeat of Aston Villa, the League leaders, by Burnley.

Playing away, the Villa were beaten by three goals to nil. In spite of this reverse, the Villa players are still in the lead with matches in hand.

The present standings of the four leading teams in this division are as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Aston Villa	34	20	6	8	58	30	46
Manchester U.	35	19	7	9	71	45	40
Sheffield U.	30	19	7	10	64	50	45
Coventry	34	17	10	6	53	37	44

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

In the First Division of the Scottish League, Queen's Park, at home, played a drawn match with Aberdeen, each side scoring once.—Reuter.

Celtic "Too Late" For £10,000

Sunderland recently offered Glasgow Celtic £10,000 for the transfer of Delaney, international right winger. Celtic refused.

Celtic rang up Sunderland on March 15 to say the player had requested a change, and they would not stand in his way.

Sunderland called a board meeting and decided that as Delaney would not be eligible for their F.A. Cup semi-final the proposition had lost its appeal.

Players must have been on a club's books for fourteen days before they can play in a cup-tie.

W. C. CHOY LEAVING ENGLAND

Did Well In Covered Court Tennis

London, Mar. 9.

Some of the men's singles in the Covered Court Championship at Queen's yesterday were rather more lively. As an exhibition of hard hitting nothing could well excel the display of F. D. Leyland against P. M. Davis, a match which was also interesting from its variation of fortune.

Leyland led 4-2 in the first set and lost it; again he led 4-1 in the second, and only won it at 8-6 after losing the lead. In the third Davis, with his less aggressive methods, was always the winner, though there were still many of Leyland's forehand drives at which he could do no more than look at.

T. S. Olliff played very leisurely against J. J. Fitzpatrick, but his backhand groundstrokes were fine enough to excuse innumerable errors on the forehand. His opponent deserved the four games he won in the second set.

W. C. Choy was far too strong for the young player from America, R. P. Harman. Choy is playing so well this year that it is a pity that he will shortly be leaving England. He might have done well at Wimbledon.

The last eight in the men's singles should be reached to-morrow. This stage in the women's singles was completed yesterday.

POWER AND PACE

In the women's singles there were several interesting matches, none more so than that in which Mrs. McKelvie defeated Miss Joy Cox. Mrs. McKelvie's power and pace were too much for the younger player in the end, though Miss Cox's clever anticipation and tireless running kept the match alive for a long time. She even got a 5-4 lead in the first set, but after she had lost it at 6-7 was rather overpowered in the second.

Miss Harvey again volleyed her way quickly through her match against Mrs. Herbert, and Miss J. Saunders carried too many and heavy guns for Miss Boyall. Mrs. Mitchell, in something like her old form, beat Miss Morley after a very long first set; and Mrs. Dyson fell to Miss Cardinall, who recovered from 2-5 down in the first set to lose only one more game in the match.

Men's Singles—2nd rd.: P. M. Davis bt. F. D. Leyland, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2; D. J. Cook bt. P. F. H. Holmann, 6-0, 6-2; D. B. Jarvis bt. J. A. Alcock, 7-5, 6-2, 6-2; W. C. Choy bt. R. P. Harman, 6-2, 6-2, 3rd set, 8-6; J. J. Fitzpatrick, 6-1, 6-4; M. D. Deloird bt. A. Eric, 6-1, 6-2; A. L. Dailie bt. J. C. Warboys, 6-1, 6-4; N. Sharpe bt. H. S. F. Hay, 6-0, 6-0.

Women's Singles—2nd rd.: Miss J. Saunders bt. Miss D. M. Boyall, 6-1, 6-3; Miss A. P. Cardinall bt. Mrs. W. J. Dyson, 7-5, 6-3; Miss J. Ingram bt. Miss G. M. Thwait, 6-3, 6-2; Mrs. D. McKelvie bt. Miss J. Cox, 7-5, 6-2; Miss D. M. Smith bt. Miss R. Thomas, 6-3, 6-2; Mrs. L. R. C. Mitchell bt. Miss J. Morley, 10-8, 6-3; Mrs. H. Harvey bt. Mrs. K. Herbert, 6-1, 6-2.

Men's Doubles—1st rd.: Major G. Aymer and A. R. Dailie bt. D. J. Cook and J. C. Warboys, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; J. S. Olliff and K. L. Vervick bt. R. Schoepfer and H. Cross, 6-0, 6-0.

Women's Doubles—1st rd.: Mrs. J. Morley and Miss P. Ray bt. Mrs. J. Dyson and Miss P. N. Morrison, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4; Miss S. Patterson and Miss R. Thomas bt. Miss L. Baker and Miss B. Pawson, 6-1, 6-3.

TABLE TENNIS ENCOUNTER

An interesting table tennis match will be played this evening between the European Y.M.C.A. and the Hongkong Table Tennis Federation. Two mixed teams will be in opposition. The match will be played at the European Y.M.C.A.

The Federation will be represented by the following:

Men—Tong Suen-hing (Captain), Tam Hung-kwan, Chan Chui-fan, Yeung Shu-pui and Chung Kin-yue. Ladies—Misses Kwok Mo-mun, Lo Chiu-yee, Lam Wai-ching, Fung Yuk-ching and Yik May-ye.

SARAZEN RETIRES FROM RYDER CUP GOLF

Augusta, Apr. 5.

A sensation has been caused in American golfing circles to-day by an announcement made by Gene Sarazen to the effect that he was retiring from the Ryder Cup Competition.

Sarazen stated he considered that he had been unfairly treated, having repeatedly been phased over for the captaincy of the American team.—Reuter.

Sarazen recently completed a world tour, in the course of which he passed through the Colony. He did not give an exhibition in Hongkong, however.

When interviewed on his return to the United States, Sarazen suggested that American professional golfers should make an annual circuit of the Pacific, starting from San Francisco, then on to Honolulu, Japan, Hongkong, Philippines, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and back to the United States.

Sarazen was open champion of the United States in 1922 and 1932, and British open champion in 1932. He has been a member of America's Ryder Cup team against Great Britain in every match since the competition started in 1927. He took part in the match last year at Southport.



Gene Sarazen, the famous American golfer, has announced his retirement from Ryder Cup golf, alleging that he has been unfairly treated and repeatedly phased over for the captaincy of the American team.

Attractive Badminton Promised

Wong And Hui In Men's Singles Final To-day

The postponed final match between P. H. Wong (holder) and P. K. Hui in the Badminton Championship will be decided this evening at Taikeo R.C.

Splendid badminton is assured as both men are now in fine form. Each has played two matches to enter the final. Their records to date are as follows:

WONG

Beat S. W. Clark 15-4, 15-4.
Beat S. Y. Hon 15-8, 15-5.

HUI

Beat F. Teane 15-7, 15-5.
Beat C. Au 15-13, 15-13.

It will thus be seen that Hui has had the harder task in reaching the final. Up against Au, one of the best players in the Colony, Hui looked all but beaten in the semi-finals. He fought back splendidly, however, and pulled the game out of the fire, proving that Wong this evening will have an opponent who will contest the issue right to the end.

An interesting ladies programme has been arranged, commencing at 8 p.m.

The evening's programme is as follows:

8 p.m.—Invitation Knock-out

BIG HITTING BY OXFORD CRICKETER

Port Elizabeth (South Africa).

Pieter van der Byl, the Oxford Blue and captain of Western Province, enabled his side to snatch a sensational Currie Cup victory here over Eastern Province by hitting 28 runs in the last over (says Reuter).

In an innings of 51 not out, Van der Byl claimed three 6's and seven 4's.

Western Province had to score 117 in 43 minutes and the winning hit was made off the seventh ball of the over.

REFEREES' MEETING

The half-monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held in the offices of the Hongkong Football Association on Monday, April 11, at 8 p.m.

Ladies' Doubles Tournament: Miss M. Silva and Miss O. Ribeiro v. Miss W. Cheung and Miss O. Khoo. Miss A. Remedios and Mrs. M. Wagstaff v. Miss N. Eardley and Miss B. Pollock. Miss R. Summer and Mrs. S. W. Cunningham v. Miss M. Fraser and Miss I. Cunningham.

Ladies' Singles: Miss S. Remedios and Mrs. N. Castro v. Miss M. Xavier and Miss M. Ribeiro.

9 p.m.—Men's Singles Championship Final (P. H. Wong, holder v. P. K. Hui).

Those who know...
Insist on

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Though beaten, E. C. Fincher put up a gallant fight against Tsui Wai-pui. Fincher's service was extremely steady throughout and did not make a single fault. Here he is seen serving. (Photo: Staff Photographer).

Rugby Football

MEN WHO WAITED

Navy Steadiness Beat R.A.F. Dash

By J. P. Jordan

London, Feb. 21.

Royal Navy 10 pts. Royal Air Force 6
Royal Air Force forwards played like tigers in the opening match of the inter-Services tournament at Twickenham, but despite all their ferocity the greater experience of the Navy pack told in the end.

Led by C. E. St. J. Beamish, and with every man doing his full share, the Navy forwards, splendidly supported by their backs, gave the Navy a harassing time in the first half. It looked as if they would cross over with a six-points lead, but just on the interval their defence wilted, and their advantage was cut down to a single point.

Early in the second half the Navy steadiness and the generalship of N. L. Evans became apparent; they had taken the measure of their opponents.

Navy back row of W. H. Crawford, R. J. L. Hammond, and J. K. Walker came properly into action, and J. O. Sowerbutts and G. A. Walker, who until then had made unchecking after opening almost unchecked, found their wings clipped.

Navy scored five more rather lucky points, and although the Air Force had a chance to snatch a last-minute victory they failed.

THE BETTER SIDE
Navy were slightly the better side and deserved their success in a tremendously fast, keen game.

G. E. Vavasour, the Navy's stand-off half, if not so brilliant as Walker, the outstanding back on the field, cut out openings that led to D. M. Goldworthy scoring both the Navy tries that Crawford converted, while W. B. Whitworth performed great service for his side by the way he kept the dangerous D. H. M. Craven in check.

It was Craven who gained the R.A.F.'s try in the first three minutes, following a beautiful opening by Walker. S. J. D. Robinson kicked a penalty goal for the Air Force, and impressed with his fine running in the centre, while J. M. Thompson

was always a thruster, and J. Parsons a safe full-back. J. Holland's dribbles and tackling formed a feature of the game. C. H. Beamish has never given a better display, and his brother proved that he is fully worthy of regaining his place in the Irish pack.

Royal Navy—Lieut. T. G. C. Jameson; Sub-Lieut. W. B. Whitworth, Sub-Lieut. R. M. Goldworthy, Lieut. A. L. E. Hogg, Lieut. (E.) J. P. Kirby; Lieut. G. E. Vavasour, Sub-Lieut. D. F. Wickham; Lieut. (E.) N. L. Evans, Lieut. (E.) D. M. Goldworthy; Leading-Tel. R. G. Stoveil; Pay-Lieut. H. C. Lyndon, A. B. H. Atwood, Sub-Lieut. W. H. Crawford, Lieut. W. L. Hammond, Pay-Lieut. J. K. Walker.

Royal Air Force—Sergeant I. Parsons; P.O. D. H. M. Craven, P.O. J. M. Thompson, P.O. S. J. D. Robinson, P.O. W. G. Moschy, F-Lieut. C. A. Walker, P.O. J. O. Sowerbutts, P.O. R. H. Waterhouse, P.O. L. Fox, S-Lieut. C. E. St. J. Beamish, Sergeant R. H. McPherson, F-Lieut. J. S. Wilson, P.O. P. S. Hutchison, F-Lieut. C. H. Beamish, A.C.I.J. Holland.

Referee: R. A. Benthle (Scotland).

BASKETBALL TIE

Local League Champions Meet To-night

The tie which exists for the leadership of the Hongkong Senior Basketball League will be played out to-night when the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and Chung Shing meet in the feature of a three game programme at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Both teams have yet to taste defeat, and the match promises to be thrilling.

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AUSTIN BEATEN TWICE

Tennis Surprise At Monte Carlo

From A. Wallis Myers

Monte Carlo, Mr. 3.
H. W. Austin had an unlucky day at Saint Roman, losing in both singles and doubles to French players.

In the Monte Carlo Cup he was beaten by Bollell, who capitalised his volleying genius and won by 6-4, 6-3. In the Butler international doubles Austin and Hughes, after leading two sets to one against Bousus and Brugnon, faded right out of the picture, collecting only two more games.

Austin's service return was his only aggressive blow; on the volley, especially overhead, he was too meek, allowing his quick-footed opponent to recover pace and position. Sand surfaces mean long rallies, and Austin was not in the mood to-day to sustain them.

Bollell, a product of covered courts, played shrewdly. His accession of pace came when it was least expected, and his quick angled volleys often trapped Austin on the wrong foot. The first set was long and close. Bollell's extra speed just carrying it. In the second set Austin withdrew his pressure.

If England lost Austin and Butler in the singles she kept Shays and Peters, both scoring fine victories. Shays beat Banarowski 6-7, 5-7, 6-4 after a gruelling struggle, and Peters, after losing the first four games, mixed his game so cleverly and chased the ball so gallantly that the Swedish champion, missing his favourite fast wood floor, was ultimately mastered, the Englishman winning 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.

PETERS DECLINES POINT

Down 2-4 in the final set, Schroder squared, but Peter was impregnable in defence and won the next seven points. On the eighth point the umpire awarded the match, but he declined to take it, alleging that his drive had been two inches out. The stroke was eventually replayed and Peters lost it. Schroder, teased into extravagance, then over-drove the baseline.

France is now certain to win the Butler Cup to-morrow. In the semi-final to-day Bousus and Brugnon beat Austin and Hughes 4-6, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2, while Bollell and Pelletier defeated Puncce and Mille of Yugoslavia, 7-5, 6-3, 9-7. In both matches the French smashing was decisive.

The Beaumont Cup final will be an Anglo-French affair. Mme. Mathieu and Mlle. Boegner will defend it against Miss Yorke and Miss Nuthall. The holders had a comparatively safe journey against Miss Noel and Miss Scriven, after trailing 2-4 in the first set they won 7-5, 6-1. But squeezed out against Miss Scott and Miss Thomas, winning 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 after many fine close-quarter rallies.

EXCHANGE

Selling	
T.T. London	1s. 2 1/2
Demand	1s. 2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	110
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	104 1/2
T.T. India	81
T.T. U.S.A.	30 1/2
T.T. Manila	61
T.T. Batavia	54 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	151 1/2
T.T. Saigon	97 1/2
T.T. France	8 1/2
T.T. Germany	132 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	132 1/2
T.T. Australia	132 1/2

Buying	
4 m/s L/c London	1/2 1/2
4 m/s D/P do. N.	1/2 31/32
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	30 1/2
4 m/s France	10 50
30 d/s India	82 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4 90 1/2

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships expected to be in wireless communication with the radio station: Fukukai Maru, Calchua, Kiriemoor, Helioy, Minoo Maru, President MacKinnon, Lecusung, Yatsuhiko, Dakar Maru, Siam, Empress of Japan, Corfu, Roggeveen, and Empress of Asia.

HOCKEY MATCH DRAWN

Final Of Small Units Tourney

Despite extra time, the final of the Army Small Units Hockey Tournament played between the 3rd Medium Battery, H.K.S.A., and the Headquarters Wing, Middlesex Regiment, at Sookunpo yesterday, resulted in a draw of a goal each.

Middlesex had more of the play, especially during the second half. Their team appeared to be more compact, while the defence was excellent. Groun in goal had little to do, but handled all that came his way efficiently.

The Artillery team was slow, and the ball sent to a position seldom found a player there ready to receive it. The defence was safe, but the forward line failed to make much impression on the opposing side. Malong Khan, on the left wing, was very weak, and missed several passes that came his way.

Play was fairly during the initial half, and the Artillery gained the first point when Lt. Godby scored. In the second stanza, the Middlesex applied pressure to the Artillery goal, and midway through it, equalised through Bright, the centre-forward. Full-time came with the score still even and extra time was called, but neither side could penetrate the opposing defence.

Teams: 3rd Medium Battery—All Dad; Mund Dg and Yusuf Khan; Abdul Bahman, Salia Khan and Jang Ali; Allah Ditta, Lt. Godby, Khuda Bux, Rajah Khan and Malong Khan. Headquarters Wing—Groun; Stickley, Grogan; Ure, German and Abell; Watson, Hymas, Bright, Chattey and Jackson.

HONGKONG RACING

Latest Changes Made In Classification Lists

The following alterations and additions have been made to the Hongkong Jockey Club's classification lists, dated March 15:
Australian Ponies—Lucky Lad to "A" Class; Strathcarriack to "C" Class.
China Ponies—Boolit Bay to "B" Class; King's Justice and Sunlight View to "C" Class; King's Parade to "D" Class, and National Guard to "E" Class.

EXCHANGE RATES

	April 4.	April 5.
Paris	159 1/2	160 1/2
Geneva	21 1/4	21 1/4
Berlin	12 3/8	12 3/8
Athens	54 1/4	54 1/4
Milan	54 1/4	54 1/4
Oslo	19 90	22 40
Copenhagen	19 40	22 40
Stockholm	22 1/4	22 1/4
Helsinki	17 1/2	17 1/2
Shanghai	4 90 1/2	4 90 1/2
New York	4 90 1/2	4 90 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	8 90 1/2	8 90 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1 1/4	1 1/4
Bombay	1 1/4	1 1/4
Manila	4 90 1/2	4 90 1/2
Yokohama	1 1/2	1 1/2
Belgrade	217	217
Bucharest	677 1/2	677 1/2
Montevideo	20 1/2	20 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	21 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (Spot)	10 1/2	10 1/2
Silver (Forward)	10 1/2	10 1/2
War Loan	10 1/2	10 1/2

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

	Business Done	Prices in Pesos
Antemok	Unquoted	
Atok	Unquoted	
Baguio Gold	Unquoted	
Benquet Consolidated	Unquoted	
Coco Grove	Unquoted	
Consolidated Mines	Unquoted	
Demonstration	Unquoted	
L. X. L.	Unquoted	
Paracale Gumale	Unquoted	
San Maurilio	Unquoted	
Soyce	Unquoted	
United Paracale	Unquoted	

The slope of the market? Dull.

Cricket

EIGHT-BALL OVER IS WELCOMED

Opinions On The New County Rules

London, Feb. 24.

THERE has been a general welcome for the trial of the eight-ball over in 1939, and the new method of scoring in the County Championship which is to take effect this summer. These innovations were recommended by the Advisory County Cricket Committee which met at Lord's recently to discuss the Findlay Commission report.

The view-point of those who pay to watch cricket is well expressed by Hendon, the former Middlesex and England player. He says of the eight-ball over:

"It saves time, and that is what the public want. They want their money's worth."

Other opinions are:

R. W. V. Robins (Middlesex captain):

"The people mainly concerned will be the fast bowlers. I do not consider it will make the slightest difference to the slow-medium or fast bowlers. On the Australian tour I did not think our fast bowler felt any extra strain, but hours were shorter. One good thing about the new scoring is that the side which has won first-innings points will probably go 'slap out' for the extra eight points. They keep their four points for the lead, even if beaten."

E. R. T. Holmes (Surrey captain): "I am in favour of the eight-ball over. It is impossible for anyone to say whether it will be a success here, but it is very well worth trying. The altered scoring will make teams go out for a win."

M. S. Nichols (Essex and England fast bowler):

"The eight-ball over should not prove a strain to fast bowlers, provided they are properly supported. If you have a batsman tied up the extra balls might serve to beat him. From a batsman's angle, the additional deliveries would help him, when he was seeing the ball, to score a few more runs each over."

LARWOOD AND VOCE AGAINST

Nottinghamshire were against the eight-ball over. At their own annual meeting recently it was disclosed that Larwood and Voce, their fast bowlers, had both written opposing the proposal.

Had the new scheme of scoring points in the County Championship been in operation last season, the top six counties would have finished thus:

Yorks.	212	8.28	192	6.40	
Essex	196	8.16	185	6.22	
Derby	180	6.92	Sussex	182	6.00

RIFLE SHOOTING

"Bisley" Competition To Commence On Friday

The Third Annual Prize Meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association commences on Friday, April 8, and will be held on the Kowloon ranges, under kind permission of the Army Authorities, throughout Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Though the meeting commences on Friday, the "Bisley" competition proper begins on Saturday. The Services Championship will be shot for on Friday.

Despite the absence of the greater part of the Fleet and the 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders, the number of entries is well above last year's. For the Services championship, 140 have been received, while 100 members of the Association are to compete for the Governor's prize.

A new feature of the meeting this year is the opportunity afforded for Clay Bird shooting, which event will be competed for on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

His Excellency the Governor has intimated his intention of being present during part of the meeting, and has honoured the Association by consenting to present the prizes at the conclusion of events on Monday. Any information from the Hon. Secretary, Major G. P. Murray, Telephone 34121, ext. 67, Garrison Adjutant's Office, H.Q. China Command.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 16th and Monday, 18th April, 1938, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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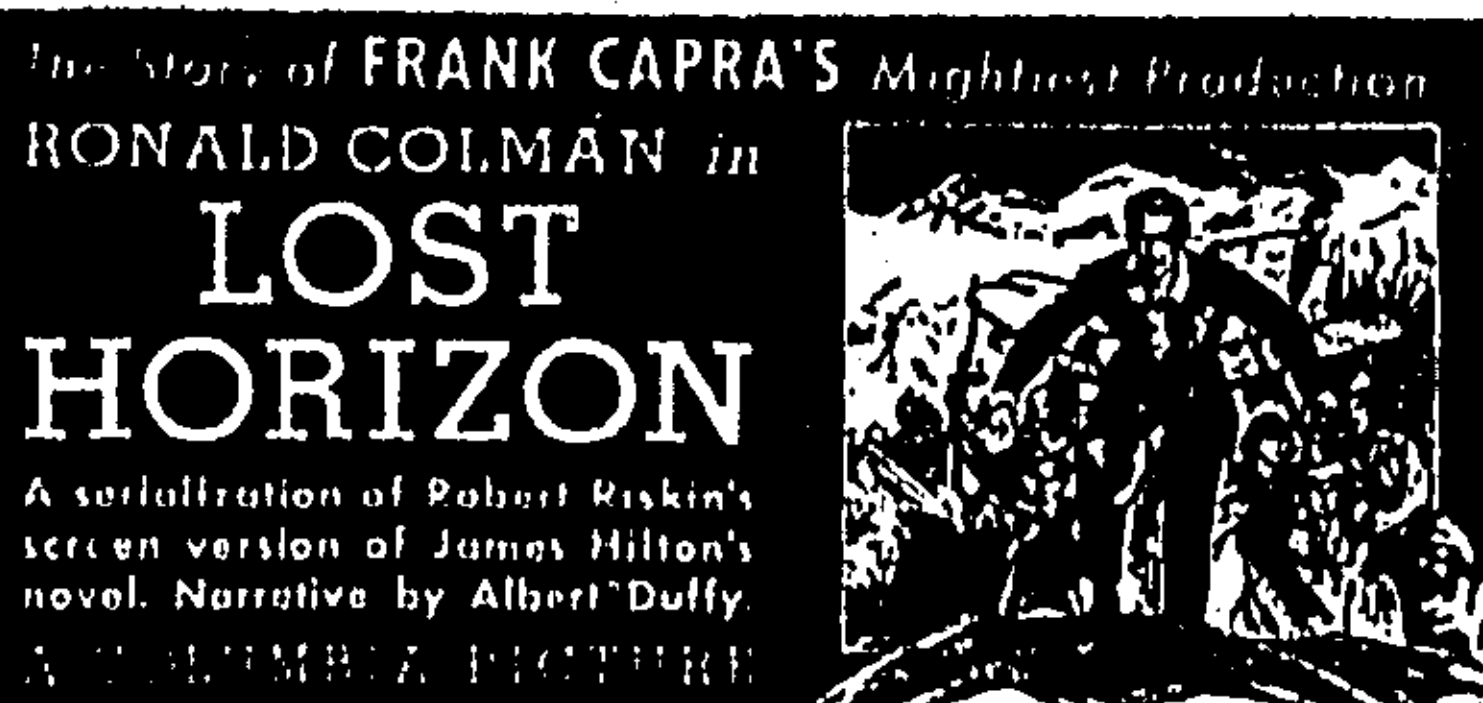
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WHAT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE Robert Conway, British diplomat in the East, is found in a small Chinese mission after having been missing for more than a year. He has lost his memory but readily agrees to return to England with Lord Gainsford, his rescuer. En route, his memory suddenly comes back and he insists that he must leave the boat and return to Shangri-la. He tells Gainsford of the evacuation of Babel, a village which was destroyed during a bandit attack. The white residents escape by plane and Conway with his brother, George, an American, named Barnard, Gloria Stone, a silent prostitute, and Lovett, an English scientist, are the passengers in the last plane. They soon discover that they have been kidnapped. For a day and a night the plane flies on, climbing higher and higher to clear the treacherous mountain peaks. At last the motor sputters and goes dead. The pilot says, "I am sorry to the ground and Conway and George enter the cockpit to salute the pilot. They find him slumped, over his controls—dead. Conway studies the pilot's map and concludes that they have come about two thousand miles into Tibet and are at least a thousand miles from the nearest civilization. Facing a slow and tortuous death from starvation, they are rescued by a caravan of natives led by a Chinese who introduces himself as Chang and offers them shelter in a nearby monastery. It is a terrifying journey through narrow, precipitous mountain passes and the entire party is exhausted when, at last, they creep around a narrow ledge and stop to gaze at the sight before them. It is a strange, eye-filling horizon diffusing a softness and beauty that is unbelievable. "Welcome to Shangri-la," says Chang.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

Chapter Four

The party soon made the descent into the valley and came to a halt at the foot of a wide marble stair-



Conway found himself more and more attracted by the beautiful Gloria Stone. (Posed by Ronald Colman and Jane Wyatt.)

way leading into the monastery. The servants will show you to your quarters, Chang said. "I do hope you will find them suitable."

The party mounted the stairs after the servants, leaving only Conway who was studying the monastery building. In an upper window he saw two robed lamas watching him curiously. Farther over, on a narrow terrace high above him, a floral arbor, his eyes were arrested by the sight of a girl—a girl whose beautiful oval face was framed in a halo of rich brown hair. She was standing quietly, looking down at Conway intently.

After dinner that night it was Lovett who first broached the subject of their departure. "I regret that I cannot help you," said Conway. "Unfortunately, we have no wireless here. In fact, we have no means of contact with the outside world."

"In that event," said Lovett, "hadn't we better make arrangements for porters to take us back to civilization?"

"Are you so certain?" Conway asked quietly. "That you're away from it?"

Lovett mumbled a confused apology. "Well, I pay you nothing anything within reason," he offered. "That's of no use," said Conway. "We have no porters here. The men you saw this morning are our own people and they never venture beyond the point where you met them. It is much too hazardous. However, there is a tribe of porters some five hundred miles from here. They are our only contact with the outside world and in that respect you are indeed fortunate. For we are expecting a shipment from them almost any time."

Chang acted as Conway's guide on his inspection of Shangri-la the next morning. "Shangri-la," Conway said, "you—that mysterious place—are all tied up in a well-worked-out plan to kidnap us and bring us here against our will. Am I right?"

(To Be Continued)

Why Not a Rock Garden?

How to make one is here explained

by RICHARD SUDELL

SOME day I shall make a geographical rock garden. In one part of it I shall "buy British" only, and every plant allowed there will be of the species and varieties that are British by birth. It was a collection of photographs and dried specimens of rock plants from the Andes that reminded me once again of this old resolution of mine.

They came from a continent quite isolated from Europe.

And so, though the plants were of the same families and were doubtless related closely in pre-historic times, they were of different species from those that grow in this continent.

Cousins

AT the same time these different rock plants are just as closely related to some of the plants of the herbaceous border and to some of the shrubs and climbers.

Every plant family has had, during the ages, to struggle for existence in various climates and altitudes.

And, wherever high, mountainous conditions have failed to the lot, species have evolved that are specially suited to alpine regions.

All these differences and relationships make the classification of rock plants a little bewildering.

All the same, some sort of classification makes a planting scheme very much more interesting to the owner, and I suggest this method of grouping according to the country of origin as being a very attractive and practical one.

It allows for the use of suitable soil with a minimum of trouble, since plants from one district usually require similar soil.

Formation

WHEN you build a rock garden, the first and most important question is that of situation.

There are three points that I regard as essential—a place in the sun, a place away from the drip of trees, and a place where a real picture can be made, not just a mound of soil peppered with rocks and looking just "spotty."

Rock plants are used to the open, sunny slopes of the hills, and hate to be cramped and shut in.

So that if you can only spare a corner that is under an old tree, don't make a rock garden, but make a rocky bank for ferns, violets, lilies of the valley and Solomon's seal.

Whatever style of rock garden you attempt, whether it is a rocky hillside, ravine, alpine meadow, or dry moraine (i.e., the heap of stones left at the foot of a glacier, damp and gritty underneath, and stony on the surface), let it imitate as nearly as possible the natural scenery.

If you live near London, and if you can stand a peep at the ideal without losing faith in your own work, go to Kew and collect a few ideas.

The original Kew Rock Garden was built in a ravine, a sort of miniature Cheddar Gorge.

Lately they have introduced a stratified sandstone formation. My own feeling is that this rather spoils the original simplicity, but it certainly adds variety.

Work Upwards

THE commonest and easiest way to build a rock garden is to make a sloping hillside and create the impression of a natural outcrop of rocks.

Begin by setting some large stones at the lowest part, and work from them upwards.

The stones should tilt in to the bank, so that the rains run into the pockets

accepted the sincere proffer of friendship that Barnard made to her.

Lovett contented himself with daily trips in search of fossils which he felt certain must abound in this mountain fastness. Conway spent most of his time riding through the valley, and nursing his friendship with the valley folk and with Gloria Stone, the mysterious girl whom he had met at long last.

Only George remained rebellious at their enforced confinement at Shangri-la. Nor did the fact that he had met and been attracted to a beautiful Russian girl, Maria, quiet his restlessness. Each passing day saw him becoming more impatient and his taut nerves snapped one night after dinner. Drawing a pistol, he started out with the avowed intention of forcing Chang to give him information about the porters. A servant terrified at the sight of the gun, fled from George while the latter pumped a stream of bullets after him. It was then that Conway overtook his brother, disarmed him and knocked him out with a single, well-directed punch.

While George was trying to revive George, Conway joined the group. Conway spoke to him. "Personally I have enjoyed every minute of our enforced stay at Shangri-la," he said, "but my brother is not of the same mind. I think it's time we were given some idea as to what this is all about."

"Strange," said the imperturbable Chang, "when all this happened I was bringing the most excellent news to you. The High Lama wants to see you."

"The High Lama?" Barnard demanded. "Who in Babel is he? I thought you ran this joint."

"The High Lama is the only one from whom any information or assistance can come."

Conway stood up. "That's the man I want to see," he said quietly. "Let's go to him."

(To Be Continued)

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Imitate Nature and plant as she does—in groups.

of soil. These soil pockets are really soil beds supported by the protruding rocks. They need rough material below to make good drainage, and a surface layer of several inches of fine gritty soil.

Wherever two pieces of rock are set close together, similar fine soil should be packed as tightly as possible into the crevice. Loosely built rockeries are draughty homes for the plants.

Once extracted a root of rock pink, and behind a surface butt three inches in diameter was a three-foot length of root, going far back into the cracks of the rock.

If such a root finds merely empty air spaces, the plant naturally gets cold feet!

Apart from these practical details, use your rocks as decoratively as possible.

If you are lucky enough to have weathered limestone, keep the weathered surface exposed, so that your finished picture really looks like a bit of natural outcrop.

How Nature Plants

SINCE you are out to imitate Nature, plant as she does, that is, in groups.

Seeds do not often fall in isolated ones, but in small groups, and the natural rock gardens have their plants scattered in irregular clusters.

Often a group of plants will nestle against a large rock, as if the seed had been caught and carried there by the wind.

So, for instance, five plants of *Viola gracilis* in one place, and a few early snowdrops close enough to them to ensure a double season of flower from one pocket, or a group of autumn crocus planted among primula julia, will give a good imitation of the natural rock garden, while showing also the touch of the canny gardener.

An enormous number of rock plants can be set out at any season, since they are grown in nurseries as pot plants and can be transplanted without root disturbance.

Some good, showy plants that would provide carpets of colour—most of them to be discovered about this time

in the cheap markets and stores, as well as in local nurseries—are these:—

Dwarf columbines, such as *Aquilegia atrata*.

Aubretia, "Dr. Mules".

Campanula carpatia.

Dianthus alpinus.

Gentiana acaulis.

Hypericum repens.

Iris reticulata.

Scilla elaeagnifolia (and other species).

Sedum acre.

Silene schaffa.

Thymus serpyllum.

Viola cornuta.

Water Charm

IF you can introduce water to the rock garden, you probably do not need any encouragement from me.

To watch a tiny stream cascading from pool to pool or tumbling noisily over rough stones to a quiet pool at the lower end of the rock garden is a joy in itself.

To add waterlilies and aquatics, and such lovely water-side plants as the musk and the "molly-blobs" to the ordinary rockery plants is no less a source of increased pleasure and delight.

Plants that I should use now to stock the marshy sides of an informal water garden are:—

Iris Kaempferi.

Marechallica or *Molly-blob* (*Calla palustris*).

Primula bulleyana.

Musk (Mimulus).

Antirrhinum.

Cypripedium calceolus (for some other member of the orchid family).

As They Fade...

WINTER and early spring bloomers can generally be pruned (if at all) immediately the flowers fade.

Slow growers, like *Daphne*, need no pruning. Winter jasmine you can treat with discretion.

If you want it to cover a tall pillar, don't cut all the stems back, but begin by taking out entirely the weakest growths.

Leave the strong ones full length, or just trim away the tips where the flowers were.

If the stems are already too long for the support, cut all the ties, and twist the growths spirally round and round the pillar as you re-tie them; you will get a brave mass of colour next season from jasmine so treated.

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KING TO UNVEIL MEMORIAL WHILE VISITING FRANCE

London, Apr. 5. On July 1, the last day of the official visit of King George VI to France, His Majesty will unveil a war memorial to Australians.—Reuter Bulletin.

ing to exhibit a notice showing the "scale of hire" on board his boat. Lance Sergeant Penfold said the boat was stopped in the Western Anchorage yesterday, and on being searched no scale of hire was found.

SUN FO ASKS BRITAIN FOR MORE CREDIT

Munitions Essential If China's Armies To Be Effective

London, Apr. 5.

Mr. Sun Fo, well-known Chinese politician and son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, addressed a meeting of members of the House of Commons to-day, and said that Chinese resistance to Japanese aggression was growing stronger, and that her fighting powers were improving.

The two essential conditions for victory, unity and determination, were being fulfilled in China to-day.

Every party and sect was solidly behind the Government and all were ready to lay down their lives, whether soldier, statesman, intellectual or student, but munitions were necessary. Supplies had been received, but they must be forthcoming continuously.

Britain, America and other powers must help, for China's struggle was for world peace, justice and the interests of the other powers.

Japan expected to win the war within three months, using 400,000 men. She had used 800,000 and the war had gone on for nine months, with Japan no nearer victory. The Chinese soldier had nothing to lose but a poor, miserable life, whereas the Japanese was fighting for something he could not understand. He did not want to fight, but wanted to get back home as quickly as possible.

Won't Sue For Peace

China would never sue for peace

so long as a Japanese soldier was on Chinese ground.

China also desires Britain to grant her credit to enable her to buy in the British market, said Mr. Sun Fo. About 50 members attended the meeting, the majority being Conservatives.

Mr. Sun Fo dealt with the military and political aspects of the present situation in China, and claimed that China was more united than ever before. He gave interesting details about the guerilla warfare being carried on behind the Japanese lines, and expressed the opinion that China would surprise the world by her resistance, and that Japan might yet have to come to terms with China.—Bulletin.

STOP PRESS NEWS

MENINGITIS IN COLONY

A further thirty-one cases of smallpox were reported yesterday, bringing the total since January 1 to 1,883.

Twenty-one of the cases were reported from the residential area of Victoria and ten from Kowloon. Shaokwan, Aberdeen and the New Territories were free of notifiable diseases, the only other cases reported being three of measles from Kowloon, four cases of meningitis (three in Victoria and one in Kowloon) and five cases of diphtheria (one in Victoria and four in Kowloon).

Last week's statistics showed that eight of the 20 cases of meningitis reported proved fatal. There were ten cases each in Kowloon and Victoria.

On hundred and three people died from tuberculosis, bringing the total since January 1 to 1,214. Of the 102 cases of small-pox reported to the health authorities last week, 112 proved fatal.

Kowloon again showed an increase, 67 of the total being reported from the mainland city. Eighty-six cases were reported from Victoria, two from Shaokwan, two from Aberdeen, one from the New Territories and four from craft in the harbour.

AMBASSADOR ARRIVES

M. Paul Naglar, the French Ambassador to China, arrived at Hong-kong from Shanghai this morning aboard the French sloop Savorgnan de Brazza.

Salutes were exchanged between the sloop and warships in the Harbour.

The Ambassador, who is on an unofficial visit, is accompanied by his staff and will spend a few days at Repulse Bay Hotel.

STRUGGLE FOR KEY POSITION CONTINUES

Japanese Cling To Fringes Of Taiherchwang

Hankow, April 6.

With the Japanese stubbornly holding on to the north-eastern section of Taiherchwang, Chinese troops are employing all available force in a determined attempt to oust the invaders.

Chinese and Japanese since early Monday morning have fought furiously for possession of the key city on the north bank of the Grand Canal, according to a Chinese military communiqué.

Since possession of Taiherchwang will largely determine the outcome of the present Tientsin-Pukow railway battle, the Japanese attacked the Chinese lines persistently, pouring very heavy artillery and machine-gun fire into the Chinese positions, but the Chinese refused to yield ground, and are fighting off gamely the repeated Japanese assaults.

The casualties on both sides are reported to be heavy.—Reuter.

Still Surrounded

Hsichow, April 6.

In a desperate attempt to turn the tide of battle the Japanese troops around Taiherchwang on the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway are alleged to have used tear gas.

The Chinese commanders directing operations at Taiherchwang are taking due precaution.

According to a telephone message from the front, some ten Japanese detachments are encircled by the Chinese forces north-east of Taiherchwang. They are said to be running short of ammunition and provisions as a result of the disruption of their communication lines.

The Japanese claim of having captured Taiherchwang on April 3 was emphatically denied yesterday by a Chinese military spokesman.

All Attacks Repulsed

The spokesman revealed that a batch of Japanese troops succeeded in forcing its way into the northern suburbs of Taiherchwang on April 2 but was later totally annihilated by the Chinese defenders. On the morning of April 4 another Japanese unit reached as far as the south city gate but was repulsed in a counter-attack by the Chinese yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, Japanese reinforcements are unable to reach Taiherchwang to rescue their comrades as the Chinese forces have damaged all communication lines leading to the town. The Tientsin-Pukow Railway between Taiman and Lincheng, the Lincheng-Tsaochwang-Taiherchwang branch railway and the highway running between Weihsien and Taiherchwang have all been rendered impassable.

The column of Japanese reinforcements from the Linyi front in south-west Shantung has so far failed in its attempt to reach Taiherchwang both because of the difficulty of communication and the stiff resistance put by the Chinese forces on the way.

Another Japanese column is now trying to reach Taiherchwang by way of Yenchow, Szeshui and Feihshen.—Central News.

Stock Market Ends On Brisk Note

London, Apr. 5.

The London Stock Exchange was quiet to-day until near the close when it turned sharply higher on unconfirmed rumours of Spanish peace moves.

Gliff-edged holdings were better. Industrials being especially favoured. Kaffirs were very active during the street session, advancing sharply together with Internationals and Oils. Among the commodities, cotton was actively irregular, and oil seeds were weak, especially Indians, this being in sympathy with La Plata advices.—Reuter Special.

VON DER GOLTZ NOT ALLOWED TO LAND IN BRITAIN

London, April 5.

The Under-Secretary for the Home Office Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, replying in the House of Commons to-day, referred to the refusal to allow Count von Der Goltz to land in Britain at Dover on March 12. Mr. Lloyd stated the refusal was because it appeared that the purpose of Count Goltz's visit was concerned with an industrial firm which was under investigation in connection with the activity of another alien.

Mr. Lloyd was unable to make a further statement until enquiries were completed.—British Wireless.

ORDER CONSULATE CLOSED

Tokyo, April 6. According to Otaru correspondent of the Yomiuri Shimbun, the Soviets have ordered the Consulate there to be closed. The Consulate at Hakodate remains open.—United Press.

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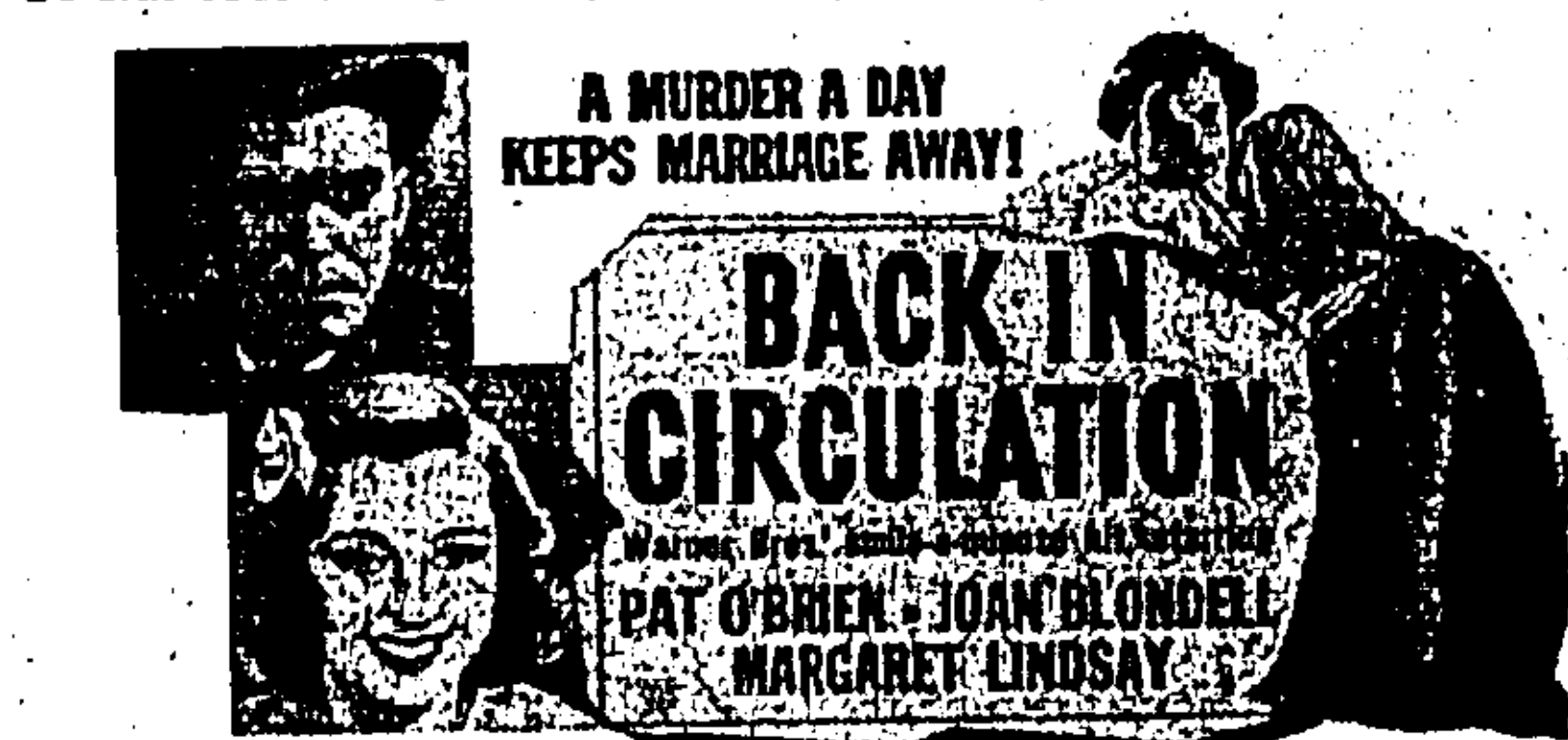


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Japanese Not Satisfied By Soviet Apology
Austrian Cardinal Hurries To Rome With Explanation

Tokyo, Apr. 6. A Foreign Office communiqué, issued in the form of conversations with Japanese reporters, reiterates the allegation that the Russians have been helping China with arms, pilots, and some soldiers since the beginning of the Sino-Japanese hostilities. The communiqué says that without doubt the Soviet assistance is directed by Moscow, and because of this "the Soviet" mere apology to the Japanese Government will not avail.—United Press.

BUILDS GIANT CAR TO BEAT EYSTON'S MARK

London, Apr. 5. A sensation is being caused by the revolutionary design of the new high-speed car in which Mr. John Cobb, famous British racing motorist will attempt to break Captain Eyston's world land speed record of 312 miles per hour at Utah in the United States in August.

The car has two supercharged engines, developing together about 3,000 horsepower. The drive of the engine is to all four wheels. The streamlined body encloses the entire car. The speed of 350 miles per hour is hoped for.—British Wireless.

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